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Dayan says Israel eager to establish ties with Peking

KATMANDU, Nepal April 29 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said Sunday his country would "very much" like to have diplomatic relations with China and already has taken some steps in that direction.

"We have taken some steps for feeling about it in various countries in various ways," he said.

"China, I believe, like Nepal, is for the peace process to take place in the Middle East. And, I believe that China is one of the countries that sees with favor the beginning of the first step taken already in the Middle East by Egypt, ourselves and the United States," Dayan said.

"I think this is the basis, the platform for eventual closer relations between China and Israel."

Replying to a question, Dayan said he was not going to China on his last Asian trip.

Asked whether he was going to talk to Chinese officials in Rangoon, Burma, or other places, the Israeli statement said, "not on this trip."

At a news conference prior to his departure for Rangoon after completing a three-day visit to Nepal, Dayan said: "Had the Soviet Union not supported opponents of the treaty it would have been much easier to reach a compromise."

He again asked the rejectionist countries to come forward for talks "without any preconditions."

Israel will not be the first country to come forward for talks.

Rightist leader defends receiving Israeli help

BEIRUT, April 29 (R) — A Lebanese nationalist leader said in an interview published here Sunday that his party would accept help from Israel to "stay alive."

Dory Chamoun, secretary-general of the National Liberal Party (NLP), was asked by the magazine "Monday Morning" if he would accept aid from Israeli Premier Menachem Begin.

"Whether staying alive means accepting the help of Mr. Begin or the help of Mr. Alexei Kosygin (Soviet premier) or even the help of Queen Elizabeth, it is priority number one," he replied.

The NLP is widely reported to be receiving military assistance from Israel.

The son of NLP party chief and former president Camille Chamoun said that if the Lebanese government did not move against Palestinian and Syrian "states" in Lebanon, other movements could be expected like that of rebel Maj. Saad Haddad, who declared a secessionist "Free Lebanon" in the south two weeks ago.

The Lebanese government was acting as a tool in the hands of the Americans, Chamoun said.

Chamoun said the "Lebanese Front," the umbrella nationalist organization, wanted good relations with Syria but they could not develop until the Syrians left Lebanon.

Syria, which provides the bulk of a 30,000 member Arab peace force in Lebanon, is at odds with the rightists over its role in Lebanon.

He said the NLP still believed in the Palestinian cause and would like to begin a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Chamoun predicted that a Syrian-Israeli war would erupt in Lebanon and end in a "draw" a few days later.

It would be a carefully planned theatrical production aimed at giving Syria an excuse to enter peace talks with Israel, he said.

Meanwhile in the south Maj. Haddad, Sunday alleged that some officers attached to the United Nations peacekeeping force (UNIFIL) were selling arms to Palestinian commandos.

Haddad told reporters he has complained the U.N. command in the south Lebanon about alleged sales.

"Officers with the U.N. force allow weapons to the Palestinians, to allow them to infiltrate their side, to spy against the militias of Israel," Haddad claimed.

The militia leader said his forces Saturday captured a Palestinian...

try to introduce atomic weapons in the Middle East, he said, but he added, "we do not want to be too late or to be the third." He said he was unaware of Arab plans for building atomic weapons.

Asked whether there has been any change in the Israeli government attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization, Dayan said: "No, I don't think so. Our policy toward the PLO is that we shall not sit with them. We shall not negotiate with them. It is a terrorist organization." However, he claimed that the Israelis are negotiating with Palestinians on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Replying to a question on the alleged training of about 100 Palestinian pilots to fly and maintain French-built jet fighters, Dayan said, "If France really trains pilots for the PLO, we shall all be out against it. But, I don't really think that France is going to do it at any time."

From Burma, Dayan will go to Singapore and Thailand on official visits.

"In between them I will also go to Hong Kong to meet the Jewish community there," he added.

Later Sunday Dayan arrived in Rangoon for a four-day official visit.

He was met at Rangoon's Mingaladon Airport by Burmese Foreign Minister U Myint Maung.

Dayan was expected to meet Burma's President Ne Win, the secretary of the Burmese Council of State, U San Yu, and Prime Minister U Maung Maung Kha.

Iran has signed 35 contracts for the export of oil since previous marketing arrangements through a Western consortium were terminated, National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) Chairman Hassan Nazih and six acting directors said Sunday.

The total volume of crude oil involved in these sales totaled about 2.5 million barrels a day, according to marketing manager Muhammad Azimi, who said NIOC hoped this would rise to about 2.9 million in the near future.

Among the main groups of contracts were agreements with eight international oil giants involving a total of 1.1 million barrels a day.

The companies buying Iranian crude included British Petroleum, Shell, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, Gulf Oil, Exxon, Caltex and Texaco, Azimi told a press conference.

Most had been members of the consortium through which most of Iran's oil was marketed abroad before the February revolution.

Agreements with 21 independent oil companies from Europe, the United States and Japan accounted for 950,000 barrels per day and six contracts with governments including Romania, Brazil and the Philippines involved a further 270,000 barrels, Azimi said. Total sales to Japan were put at 500,000 barrels a day.

Nazih confirmed that NIOC was seeking about 20 to 30 foreign oil industry experts to work on construction projects in Iran.

Talks with contractors were expected to be completed in two to three weeks, he said.

Acting Technical Director Muhammad Ali Narvagh said there were no problems over the foreigners' security.

Several hundred foreign oil workers pulled out of Iran early this year, including those working for the Western consortium's operating subsidiary, the Oil Service Company (OSCO), which Narvagh described Sunday as "finished."

Nazih said the country also had no need for large numbers of foreign technicians.

The current NIOC board is serving in an acting capacity until nomination of a new board and revision of the NIOC constitution, expected to be completed in two months.

Despite the total export figures...

Earlier Saturday North Yemen out of diplomatic relations with Egypt to protest President Anwar Sadat's peace treaty with Israel, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Yemen became the eleventh Arab country to comply with an Arab League resolution passed in Baghdad last month to sever relations with Sadat's regime. It was preceded by Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan.

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MESSAGE: King Khalid reading the message from President Jaafar Numeiri handed to him Sunday by Sudanese Minister for Presidential Affairs Dr. Bahaudin Muhammad Idris. The Sudanese envoy arrived in Riyadh Saturday evening. (SPA photo)

King handed Numeiri message

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — King Khalid Sunday received a message from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri.

The message was handed in the King by Sudanese Minister for Presidential Affairs Dr. Bahaudin Muhammad Idris at a meeting attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, and Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

The Sudanese envoy arrived here Saturday evening on a short visit.

At another meeting Sunday, the King received visiting Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy Bjartmar Gjerdet.

The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, the King's

Adviser Dr. Rashid Pharaon and Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

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Sadat claims treaty not 'a bilateral deal'

SUEZ, Egypt, April 29 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat Sunday defended the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as the start of "firm and aware steps towards comprehensive Middle East peace."

The Egyptian leader, speaking at a meeting during a tour of the Suez Canal area, said the treaty which came into effect last Wednesday was not "a bilateral deal as some Arab leaders claim out of grudge or other motives."

In another strong attack on his Arab critics, Sadat said "we are not fond of slogans and the wasting of time in defeatism and childish convulsions coming from heads of state supposed to be sincere about the destiny of their people." He added that "unfortunately they are not sincere about the destiny of their people at all."

In an apparent reference to Arab oil-producing countries, all of which severed ties with Cairo, Sadat said the price of their oil was increased four-fold "and their safes bulged thanks to the October victory and the October martyrs."

He was referring to the 1973 Arab-Israeli war during which Egyptian forces distinguished themselves in the early stages.

He added: "We don't envy them. We don't need anything from them. We will continue with our head rising high."

Warning to students

Sadat, who launched a strong attack earlier this month against student involvement in politics in campus, renewed his warning Sunday and said that there would be no room for political activities in the universities.

He also warned religious fundamentalist groups in the universities against "exploiting religion in politics and politics in religion. This is rejected and I will repel anyone attempting to do this."

Military meeting

As Sadat renewed his attack, Israeli and Egyptian generals met Sunday in the Sinai Desert for the first session of a joint commission that will oversee Israel's phased withdrawal from the peninsula during the next three years.

Following the meeting, which lasted about two hours, a joint communiqué said the two sides had agreed "to make every effort to solve all problems which might arise in the spirit of good will and understanding."

The commission's first task is to prepare the transfer of the Sinai capital of El Arish to Egypt on May 25.

Meanwhile, residents of Yamit and Sharm el Sheikh, which are to be evacuated under the terms of the peace treaty, demonstrated against the Israeli government's policy toward them.

In Yamit on the Mediterranean coast, demonstrators blocked the road leading into the town with tractors and farm wagons. They threatened to disrupt the Sinai withdrawal process, Israeli radio reported.

In Sharm el Sheikh demonstrators blocked the offices of the local development authority to protest what they claimed was the failure of government officials to confer with them on the details of the withdrawal.

Israeli shipping

In another sign of growing cooperation, the first Israeli ship

Appeals in interview for aid

West let Somalia down, minister says

By Farouk Lagman

JEDDAH, April 29 — Although Somalia is still waiting for the arms supplies promised by some Western powers it has rebuilt and re-equipped its armed forces to a high level, according to Foreign Minister Omar Arteh.

Speaking to "Arab News" Sunday Arteh said his country had received no weapons from the United States, and of course nothing from the Eastern bloc since the break with the Soviet Union nearly two years ago over Soviet support for Ethiopia in the Ogaden war.

The United States promised but failed to deliver.

"In any case," Arteh said, "we are not desperate. We have managed to get most of the arms we wanted for self-defense." But he would not name his suppliers.

They had an army that at one time was considered the finest in black Africa, but the Somalis found it difficult to maintain that high standard once Soviet arms were no longer available.

In the meantime Ethiopia continues to receive some of the best arms that the Soviets can produce and together with thousands of "Cuban mercenaries" and Soviet officers maintain their tenuous hold on the Ogaden desert which Somalia claims as its own.

Arteh said that the Ogaden fighters control most of the country, attacking Cuban and Ethiopian positions and ambushing their convoys. "When things become rough for them they take it out on the people killing them en masse," he said. "When they become intolerable they bomb our northern cities."

Under Muhammad Al-Faisal

Islamic investment firm board sits

JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal presided over a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Investment Company here Saturday.

During the seven-hour meeting, the board discussed several matters connected with the company's activity, especially on stock exchanges in 11 Muslim countries. Prince Muhammad said later



The Somali minister

Asked if there were any contacts with Ethiopia in the search for peace, Arteh said there were some that were inconclusive because "we are simply too far apart. We talk of liberation and the right of self-determination for the population while they talk of compensation and war damages." There is simply no common ground.

Relations with the Soviet Union are therefore tense and will continue to be so as long as the Soviet Union supports the Ethiopian occupation of the Ogaden. Nevertheless, President Siad Barre said recently that it was not unlikely that Somalia would patch up its quarrel with the Soviet Union, as international relations were not static and might some

day necessitate a change in relations.

Arteh made it clear that the situation in the Horn of Africa will remain unstable as long as foreign troops remain. He referred specifically to Cuban mercenaries as the main factor behind instability. "As long as there are Cuban troops and Soviet advisers there, we don't see any hope of peace in the region."

Asked if Somalia would go to the rescue of the tiny state of Djibouti in case of attack, he said it would if requested. A few weeks ago the foreign minister of Djibouti told "Arab News" that his country wanted military aid urgently because it feared Ethiopian-inspired subversion. The arms supplied by France were not for defense against a determined attack or prolonged subversion.

Somalia's main problem remains economic. The country is poor. To make matters worse, and it is at war.

"We would like our Arab brothers to understand that. We were adversely affected by the circumstances in the region. Arteh appealed for aid in all fields and of all kinds: "We are an Arab vanguard in the area, but the assistance we have received so far is inadequate."

The country has great potential for development if it can secure sufficient money. It has some of the finest grazing land in the continent and livestock is its chief foreign currency earner. But drought can be disastrous and money is needed to make better use of rivers and expand agricultural output.

A few Arabs have already invested in certain fields but a lot more is needed "and we are willing to give them all the guarantees they want for the security of their investments."

He was confident that the country contains oil and other mineral reserves, although the road to commercial exploitation may still be long and frustrating, despite the encouraging signs provided by tentative exploration.

More than anything else, Arteh said, we have succeeded admirably in liberating the minds of our people from complacency and resignation, to vigorous and aggressive self-reliance.



DINING: Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb with South Korean Construction Minister Jae Il Ko at a dinner Prince Miteb gave for the minister in Riyadh Saturday night.

To ensure greater competition

Korean contract agreement reached

RIYADH, April 29 — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said here Sunday that he had reached agreement with the visiting South Korean Minister for Construction Jae Il Ko on how to ensure greater competition between Korean and other companies for the award of contracts in the Kingdom.

The two ministers also discussed performance of Korean companies in Saudi Arabia, but no details were given on the agreement.

SPA also reported that Ko met Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algasbi and discussed electricity projects, focusing on the participation of Korean firms in the Riyadh central electricity project. He also conferred with Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri and Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed.

Saturday evening Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb gave a dinner party in honor of Ko and his delegation, the director-general of the Overseas Bureau and the section chief of the Seoul Construction Ministry. It was attended by Minister of the Interior Prince Naif, Prince Majed, Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam and a number of high officials.

Ko is in the Kingdom at Prince Miteb's invitation as part of a Middle East tour to see Korean construction firms at work. It is his first trip to the region, and is a fact-finding tour after his appointment to the construction portfolio only in January. The Korean Embassy in Jeddah has told "Arab News" that he is more interested in surveying the lie of the land than in winning any new orders for his country.

Ko arrived in Riyadh Saturday

after a two-day visit to the Eastern Province. During which he studied models and plans for the projected new industrial city at Jubail and saw Korean contractors at work in almost every town of the region.

Ko and his delegation were due to fly to Jeddah Sunday, and leave for Amman Monday. His trip also takes in Bahrain and Kuwait, although the Kingdom is the largest Middle Eastern market for his country's companies. (TS)

Norway minister pleased by talks

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — Visiting Norwegian Energy Minister Bjertmar Gjerde said in a statement Sunday that his talks with Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani were extremely "useful and fruitful," and he praised the prudence and balance of the Kingdom's energy policies.

In his talks with Sheikh Ahmad he had acquainted himself with several aspects of OPEC policy, useful because Norway was also an oil-exporting country.

His talks also covered common problems faced in producing and selling oil. But among the most important subjects that came up was a possible meeting between certain OPEC member states and non-OPEC oil-producing countries, aimed at realizing common understanding and cooperation between the two.

Gjerde also expressed admiration for the progress he had noticed in Saudi Arabia.

He and Sheikh Ahmad had also discussed the importance of the North-South dialogue.

Jerusalem to be member

Muslim cities unit statute finalized

By a Staff Reporter

MECCA, April 29 — Mayors of Islamic capitals have finalized the statute of the proposed Organization of the Islamic Capitals.

At the end of a two-day meeting here, sponsored by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the mayors decided that the new organization will be based in Mecca. In view of its holy status, that city will be a member.

They also decided that Jerusalem will be a full-fledged member, as the capital of Arab Palestine. The organization will help the bonds of friendship, brotherhood and solidarity among Islamic capitals.

Other objectives will be to promote, develop and expand cooperation among the capitals, to preserve their individual character and heritage, to seek to implement comprehensive urban plans to guide the growth of Islamic capitals according to their

economic, social, cultural and environmental characteristics and to up-grade public services and utilities.

These objectives are to be realized through the exchange of visits, research studies, experts and missions, and the convening of seminars to study problems concerning the capitals of the Islamic World and propose solutions to them.

It was stressed in the statute that the organization has no political role nor affiliations, and will not interfere in the political affairs of any of the member states.

The statute will have to be ratified by the 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference which will meet in Fez, Morocco, next month.

After the closing session, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki, the secretary-general of the Muslim World League, hosted a lunch in honor of the delegates.

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But labor confederation adamant**Curfew clamped on Istanbul to forestall leftist rally**

ISTANBUL, April 29 (AP) — Turkey's martial law command announced a 29-hour curfew in this city to prevent a May leftist rally in possible breach of a martial law ban. The curfew is to start at 2400 local time Monday and to last 2500 local time Wednesday, a communiqué, Gen. Necdet Sezer, martial law commander of Turkey, said officials of DISK, Turkey's radical leftist labor confederation, insisted on their plans to hold a Labor Day rally in the Taksim Square on May 1 despite the ban and "the risk of a confrontation between Turkish forces and the armed forces."

Sezer said the rally was banned and a curfew would be enforced to prevent any political violence on the controversial date.

In a similar rally two years ago 34 persons were killed and scores were wounded when anti-communists caused panic and a stampede in the crowd of 100,000.

During the curfew hours all transportation between Istanbul and other parts of Turkey by bus, train and plane would be halted, the command announced. Private cars entering and leaving the city would be searched. Passengers arriving by plane, ship or overland from abroad would be detained at

harbors or terminals until cleared by authorities, the communiqué said.

There were no restrictions on travel out of Istanbul to foreign points by plane or boat.

Personnel necessary for various public services, including postal, telegraph and telephone services, utilities and hospitals, and members of the press are to be exempt from the curfew with special passes to be issued by the martial law authorities.

In the course of the curfew funeral ceremonies would also be banned.

A similar curfew was slapped on Istanbul, Turkey's largest city of 4.5 million, twice in near past, in 1971 and 1972 when martial law authorities made house-to-house searches for the kidnapers of Israel's consul general and other leftist militants sought for bank robberies, bombings and shootings.

Martial law was proclaimed four months ago in 13 out of 67 provinces following bloody sectarian fighting in southeast Turkey which claimed 111 lives.

This week martial law was extended for two more months and it was territorially expanded to cover six more provinces in eastern Turkey where, according to government officials, Kurdish separatist agitation has reached alarming proportions.

Exiled Shah said facing kidnap threat

NASSAU, April 29 (R) — Security for the exiled Shah of Iran is to be tightened after reported threats to kidnap him and return him to Iran for trial.

A Bahamas government spokesman said Saturday that police on the Caribbean island would take extra precautions to protect the Shah in view of the threat.

"We'll be ready for anything," he said. "This is a small country. They would have no where to go with the Shah except perhaps to go down in the ocean."

The threat reportedly came from parties claiming affiliation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



CHEERING CROWD : Israeli Defense Minister Izer Weizman waves to cheering crowd last Friday during his visit to the historic Khan El Khalili bazaar in Cairo. (AP photo)

Dayan's PLO comments seen as meddling in Swiss affairs

BERN, Switzerland, April 29 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's comments about official Swiss contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has stirred protests of interference in Swiss affairs.

Visiting Switzerland to chair a meeting of Israeli diplomats, Dayan told a news conference last week he thought the "Swiss government should not have any contact" with the PLO, "an organization of murderers."

The Bern Foreign Office summoned Israeli Ambassador Yaakov Shimoni and requested clarification. An official spokesman said Dayan's remarks, if in fact made in this form, would be "regretted."

Iraqi minister leaves for Spain

BAGHDAD, April 29 (R) — Iraqi Defense Minister Adnan Khairallah left here Sunday for Madrid heading a military delegation for an official visit, to be followed by a similar visit to France, the Iraq news agency reported.

Moroccan Ambassador Muhammad Bannani-Smires, dean of the Arab League Diplomatic Corps here, said Sunday he felt Dayan "interfered in Swiss affairs."

He confirmed that the matter was "likely to be brought up" when he calls on the Swiss foreign minister Monday on a visit which he stressed was arranged long before Dayan made his comments.

Commandos blow up Israeli wood plant

DAMASCUS, April 29 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos said they blew up a wood plant near Lydda Saturday, setting fire to the factory, nearby depots and woods.

A military spokesman said explosive charges planted inside a factory in Bin Shimon caused a big fire in the plant and its surroundings.

He gave no other details. Meanwhile, Israel radio reported that three children were slightly wounded Sunday when a bomb exploded near a bus stop in Kfar Sava outside Tel Aviv.

Police have warned the public to be especially alert for suspicious objects and have tightened security precautions for the celebration of Israel's anniversary day on Wednesday.

Morocco accuses Cuba of hostile stand on Sahara

RABAT, April 29 (R) — Morocco has accused Cuba of interfering in its internal affairs and of adopting a hostile attitude over the Western Sahara issue, officials said.

Cuban Ambassador Jorge Manfugas Lavigne was summoned Saturday to the foreign ministry and his attention drawn to "the unfriendly positions taken by his government toward the recovery by Morocco of its Saharan provinces," the officials said.

They did not elaborate on Morocco's exact complaints against Cuba.

Meanwhile in Luxembourg, the Socialist International has called on Mauritania, Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario Front to settle their dispute over the Western Sahara peacefully.

The Bureau of the International made the call Saturday at the end of a two-day meeting.

It said they should try to find a just and lasting solution to the problem in the spirit of the United Nations and the "Organization of African Unity."

About 30 of the International's 57 member parties and organizations took part in the gathering, chaired by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and Portuguese Socialist leader Mario Soares.

In a separate development, Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez flies to Algiers Monday for a two-day official visit viewed as a step toward normalizing recently strained relations between the two countries.

The trip coincides with developments in the disputed Western Sahara, which Spain ceded to Morocco and Mauritania in 1976 in spite of Algerian opposition.

The Libyan News Agency

JANA reported last week that Mauritania had agreed to surrender its share of the territory to the Polisario Front.

But a Mauritanian foreign ministry spokesman later told Reuters that his country's policy did not go beyond recognizing the right of the Western Saharan people to self-determination and readiness for a dialogue with the Polisario Front and other parties concerned.

The developments involving the Sahara are expected to figure prominently in Suarez's talks with Algerian Premier Mohammed Benahmed Abdelghani. He will also meet President Chadli Benjedid.

Train crash kills 16 in Pakistan

KARACHI, April 29 (AP) — Sixteen persons were killed and 75 injured when a train collided with a truck at a railway crossing about 56 kilometers from Jachad station Sunday, Pakistan Press International (PPI) news agency reported.

The engine of the Quetta express train hit a truck attempting to cross the railway line, the driver of the express train Dida Hussain told the news agency.

The fatalities were passengers of the train. The engine and three cars of the train derailed.

It was the third train crash within 10 days on Pakistan railways. Forty-seven persons died last week when a locomotive engine collided with a Karachi-bound train about 80 kilometers northeast of Karachi near Jungshahi.

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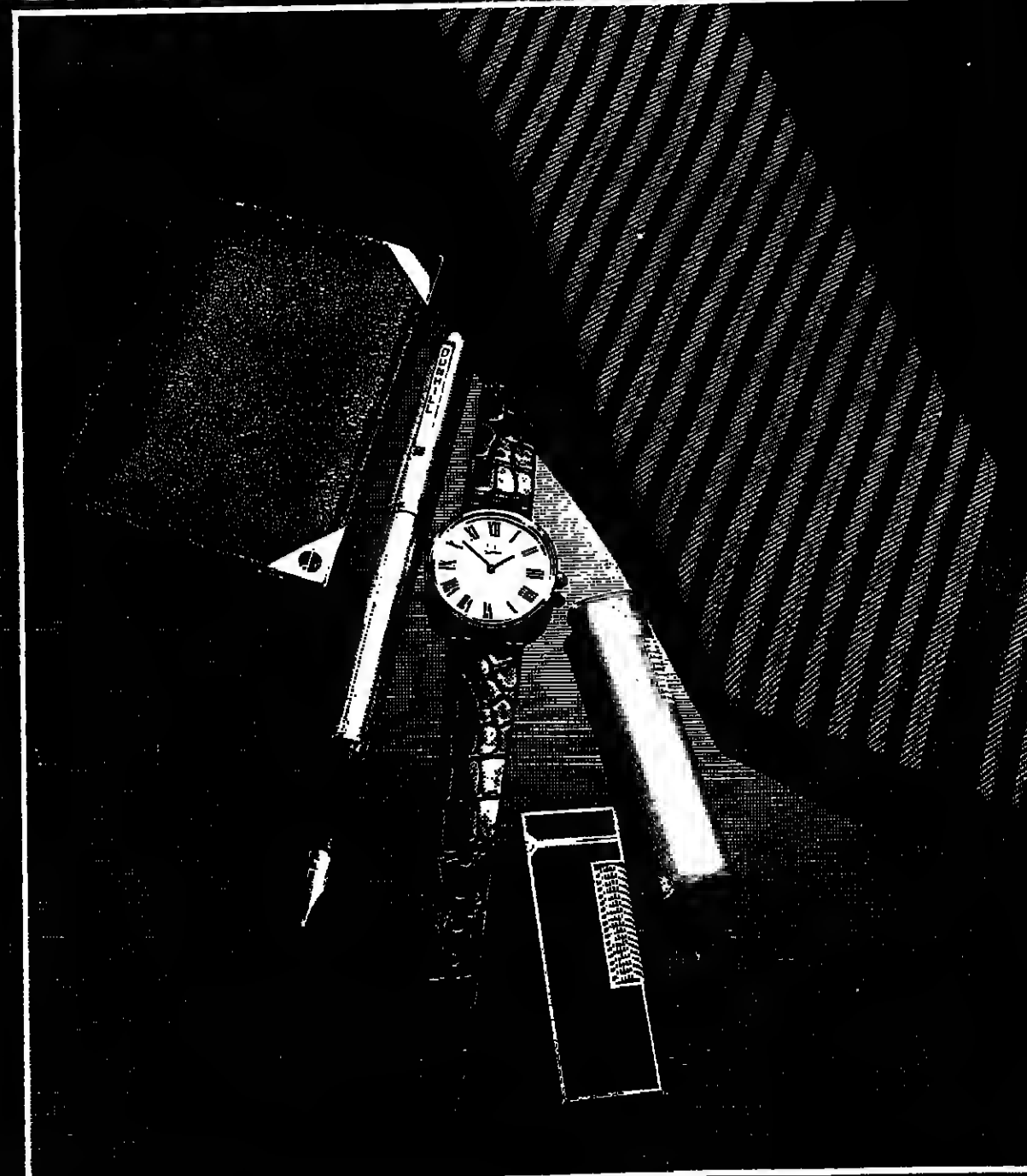
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U.S. embassy plane spied for S. Africa, paper says

JOHANNESBURG, April 29 (AP) — The United States passed on spy-plane photographs of African countries hostile to South Africa in return for secret information from South African intelligence agents, "The Sunday Times" newspaper has reported.

An early edition of the newspaper said the photographs were taken from a U.S. Embassy plane carrying diplomats to various African capitals.

Quoting "intelligence agents," the newspaper said photographs taken over the territories of Angola, Tanzania and Zambia were handed over to South Africa.

The plane in question, a Beechcraft Kingair, was denounced as a "spy plane" April 4 by South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha in a surprise appearance on the country's prime time television news program.

Three U.S. military men from the American Embassy in Pretoria were expelled from South Africa. The administration of President Jimmy Carter retaliated by expelling two South African military attaches from the South African Embassy in Washington.

"The Sunday Times" also said

CIA and South Africa intelligence agents have cooperated with each other "for years," even under the Carter administration.

The newspaper said Carter's refusal to apologize for the so-called spy plane — which had a 70mm camera in its belly — and the expulsion of the two South African military attaches, have been "unofficially attributed by Americans to the fact that South Africa must have known what the plane was about."

U.S. officials have suggested that Botha used the plane incident as an excuse to divert attention from a still-simmering scandal involving the alleged misuse of secret government funds for propaganda campaign to make race segregation laws here more palatable to world opinion.

Without stating that photographs were taken during their flight the newspaper said that top American diplomats had used the aircraft.

The newspaper said its sources confirmed that the South Africans had been given photographs of Lusaka, the Zambian capital, Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania

and Luanda, the capital of Angola.

Lusaka is the headquarters for the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, one of two black nationalist guerrilla groups fighting in Rhodesia the breakaway British colony which borders South Africa on the north and which has close economic ties with it.

Dar es Salaam would seem to bear relatively little interest for South Africa, although it is the capital of a country which also supports black guerrillas. Pictures of it might intrigue Rhodesia's military.

Luanda, which is the capital of Marxist-ruled Angola, is the main headquarters for some 20,000 Cuban troops in the country to prop up President Agostinho Neto. South Africa has made a number of cross-border strikes into Angola from its South-West Africa (Namibia) territory to hit black guerrillas based there.

Even though relations between the United States and South Africa are cool, the newspaper said things were much warmer between the CIA and South African intelligence, a probable reference to BOSS, the country's security organization.

"The CIA is traditionally strongly anti-communist and therefore friendly to South Africa," "The Sunday Times" said in its front-page article.

Byrd urges passage of SALT during 1979

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — The U.S. Senate should act on a U.S.-Soviet arms control treaty this year to keep the issue from becoming a "political football" or "political showpiece" in the 1980 election, Senate majority leader Robert Byrd said Saturday.

Byrd's remarks were directed at least partly at the White House, where some political strategists reportedly believe that carrying over debate on the strategic arms limitation treaty into next year could help U.S. President Jimmy Carter's expected re-election bid.

"The timing of Senate action on the treaty should in no way be partisan," the West Virginia Democrat said.

Saying his warning applied to presidential candidates "incum-

beni or otherwise," Byrd declared, "It (SALT) should not be a political football, it should not be a political showpiece in the next election."

The senator also insisted that he has still not made up his mind on whether to support the treaty, which is expected to be signed within the next few weeks.

Byrd, whose opposition would be devastating to administration chances of gaining the needed two-thirds vote for Senate ratification, said the key questions about the treaty are its net effect on U.S. security and the government's ability to verify its terms.

Byrd said he has several specific concerns about the treaty that he will discuss with the administration, but he declined to give details.

World War II wreckage of Japanese ship found

TOKYO, April 29 (AP) — Wreckage of a Japanese ship, the Awa Maru, sunk by an American submarine during World War II, has been discovered by Chinese salvage workers off the coast of Fujian (Fukien) province, Peking's official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency reported.

The Peking dispatch said the remains and belongings of those aboard when the ship sank have been recovered and will be returned to Japan "in spirit of humanitarianism."

Xinhua said this was made

known by Chinese Vice Minister of Communications Peng Deqing (Peng Te-ching) during a recent visit to Japan.

The Awa Maru, an 11,249-ton cargo-passenger ship, was supposed to be on a mission of mercy at the time of the incident in April 1945. There were about 2,000 persons, including 61 ordinary passengers, about 800 army and navy personnel, 46 foreign ministry officials and three foreigners, whose identities were not known, aboard the Awa Maru at the time.

Nazi war veterans meet as protests held nearby

AROLSEN, West Germany, April 29 (AP) — Veterans of the Nazi SS "death's head" division have held their annual reunion shielded by West German police as 3,000 persons demonstrated outside the meeting hall against unpunished war criminals.

About 250 members of the "troop comradeship death's head" attended the closed door session in this north Hesse town, down from 800 SS elite guard vets at last year's reunion, a participant said.

Many ex-members of the notorious Panzer division apparently stayed away to avoid protests organized by Nazi-era victims, trade unionists and citizens outraged by the SS remnants.

An estimated 3,000 persons held a silent march carrying placards recalling victims of SS-operated "death camps" and demanding the banning of Nazi troop veterans' associations.

The "death's head" veterans' group is one of several SS associations permitted by town officials to rent the meeting hall for their annual reunions.

Critics say the reunions are an outrage to the international tracing service for Nazi concentration camp victims.

The protesters rallied outside Arolsen City Hall after their silent march through the town.



NUCLEAR PROBE: Three members of the presidential panel charged with probing the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island plant face Douglas Costle, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in Washington Thursday. Saturday anti-nuclear protests were held across the United States as more nuclear plants were ordered closed for lack of adequate safe-guards against radiation. (AP photo)

As more reactors close

U.S. anti-nuclear rallies held

EDGECOMB, Maine April 29 (AP) — The specter of Three Mile Island fueled anti-nuclear protest demonstrations from remote corners of New England to Indian lands of the Western United States Saturday, even as more nuclear reactors were shutting down under government orders.

The demonstrators rallied at the gates of isolated nuclear plants to hear anti-nuclear protests.

"There's a world of difference between concern and hysteria," said a farmer, Raymond Shaddis, who organized a town hall meeting of 750 Friday night in the coastal community of Edgcomb, not far from the closed down Maine Yankee plant at Wiscasset. "Effectiveness depends on rationality."

Elsewhere, about 200 hiker left the University of Colorado campus at Boulder, bound for a civil disobedience rally expected to grow to 3,000 by Sunday at the gates of the Rocky Flats Nuclear weapons plant where 28 demonstrators were arrested a year ago.

Banner-festooned bicycle caravans converged on the rural western Massachusetts town of Rowe near the Yankee Atomic Reactor.

A resident of Rogers, Arkansas, released helium-filled balloons from a farm near Arkansas Power and Light Co.'s plant at Russellville to show how far radiation could travel if there were a radiation leak at the plant.

A nighttime candlelight vigil at a downtown governmental complex was the strategy in Tucson, Arizona.

Cambodia warns Thais not to assist guerrillas

BANGKOK, April 29 (AP) — The Phnom Penh government Sunday called on the Thai government to "immediately stop" providing aid and other assistance to the forces of toppled Premier Pol Pot, who in recent days have temporary asylum in Thai border areas.

It was the second such statement directed to the Thai government in one week.

The Cambodian news agency SPK said foreign newsmen covering the border areas had seen Thai authorities allowing the Pol Pot soldiers to use Thai territory as a sanctuary, and to regroup in fighting the Vietnamese-led troops.

In a commentary broadcast by Radio Phnom Penh, it said newsmen had seen Thai military trucks carrying the Pol Pot remnants from one point to another along the frontier and later the Thais sent them back into Cambodia after providing them with food and medical care.

Thailand has not allowed the Pol Pot rebels permanent asylum but has permitted tens of thousands of soldiers and civilians to pass along the border to other, presumably safer points in Cambodia.

Astles still awaiting extradition in Kenya Uganda official says

NAIROBI, April 29 (R) — Kenya has agreed to hand back to Uganda Bob Astles, trusted British-born aide of former President Idi Amin, but his return was delayed Saturday by transport and communications problems, a senior Ugandan government official said here Sunday.

People at Uganda's Etebbe International Airport saw a short, white-haired European step from a plane apparently under escort Saturday. Knowing the Astles had been arrested, the Ugandan official said, "My hope is that they were wrong and that the Ugandan government sources who said Astles had been taken back, the Ugandan official said. Astles is still in police custody in Kenya and will be flown to Uganda as soon as a plane arrives for him, the official said.

The official did not know the exact circumstances of the delay in Astles' Saturday. He said Uganda's communication links with the outside world were still disrupted, causing constant difficulties in transport.

He said Kenya authorities had agreed to return to Uganda some 2,000 Ugandans, many of whom held senior positions in Amin's military regime, because they had

entered Kenya illegally. Uganda's prisons are still largely understaffed, police are only just returning to duty and there are virtually no official vehicles on the roads. So the Ugandan government has asked the Kenyans to hold on to the fugitives for the time being.

Astles, however, was close to Amin for most of his eight-year rule and special arrangements had been made to have him return to Uganda.

According to Kenyan press reports, Astles fled across Lake Victoria in one of his anti-smuggling unit's powerboats and landed at the Kenyan port of Kisumu as Tanzanian forces overran Kampala two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, reports reaching here say shooting broke out Saturday in the western Kenyan border town of Busia between fleeing Amin soldiers and civilians. The state-run news agency said the trouble flared after the soldiers came across the border into Kenya and killed a prominent Ugandan businessman living in the town Friday.

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Awaiting families in New York

Freed Russian dissidents overjoyed, dazed

NEW YORK, April 29 (R) — Five Soviet dissidents exchanged Friday for two Russian spies imprisoned in America expressed joy, gratitude and great bewilderment Saturday at finding themselves in the United States.

Survey fears the worst

Rhino may be extinct by 1982

NAIROBI, April 29 (AP) — The African rhinoceros faces extinction within three years because poachers are killing them off for their horns according to two scientists here.

The tiny rhino — a ton of flesh and bones and leathery skin — is being captured and slaughtered for the two kilos (four pounds) of horn that top its snout. "It's man's fault if we lose this species," says Alison Hillman, a British-born and trained doctor of zoology who heads the Rhino Research Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

"It would be absolutely terrible to totally lose a species — something that can never be replaced — all because of man's greed and desire," she said.

Poachers illegally kill the beast for the sizeable profits made selling the horn and hide.

In East Asia, the demand is so strong that the market price ranges from \$250 to \$750 per kilo and all that is available reportedly is sold.

Despite a ban on the importation of rhino products in Hong Kong, medicines still are available under the counter.

Hillman said Kenya's clampdown in 1977 on professional hunting of big game animals — including rhinos and elephants — and subsequent ban on the sale of trophies and horns has curbed the once-rapid depredation of the beasts, but poaching continues.

"Laws are not enough," she said.

If rhino horn exports continue at the same annual rate as official East African records show for

behalf of four members of the group.

The fifth member of the group, Baptist clergyman Georgi Vlas, issued a separate statement.

The news conference, held in a hotel where the five men are staying opposite the United Nations building, was organized by Ukrainian nationalists and other groups concerned with human rights in the Soviet Union.

Kuznetsov's wife, a former dissident prisoner, Sylva Zaimanson, was to have arrived from Israel Saturday.

In his statement, Kuznetsov said through a translator: "Yesterday we were still deprived of all our rights. Today we are here in a country which for more than 200 years has been a symbol of freedom."

"We have not as yet gained full

consciousness. We still feel somewhat ill at ease wearing civilian clothing. We still have not grown accustomed to free faces expressing good will."

He had been asked twice what amazed him about New York, Kuznetsov said, and each time he had answered, "The fact that we are here."

Kuznetsov said the group's release was related to the forthcoming signing of the second part of the strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II).

The dissidents said they were generally in good physical condition although life in the labor camps was harsh and they were put under severe psychological pressure.

Moroz said he was beaten by soldiers in 1976 but the others suffered no overt physical violence.

The group said they were told of their release and simultaneously stripped of Soviet citizenship at 5 a.m. Friday in separate interviews with special interrogators.

In return for the dissidents' freedom, the United States released two Russian U.N. employees convicted of spying last October.

The two, Valdik Eger and Rudolf Chernyav, flew with their families to Moscow aboard the same plane which brought the

dissidents to the United States. Kuznetsov said they learned only later that their release was the result of a deal worked out by President Jimmy Carter involving a trade-off for the two convicted Soviet spies.

Moroz said, "I would have come to the United States even if I were not forced. I came ... to be closer to the Ukraine. I can do things here that I would not have been able to do there."

But Ginzburg said "Out of my own free will I would never have left my country. There comes a time when every honest human being should spend some time in prison."

He appealed to his audience to remember and publicize the cases of those of his fellow prisoners of conscience still in the Soviet Union.

Friends of Mrs. Trina Ginzburg said an official of the Soviet Passport Office visited her Moscow flat Saturday to tell her to start processing the paperwork for her exit visa to join her husband in the U.S.

Mrs. Ginzburg, who said earlier she did not want to be hurried into leaving the country before winding up her affairs, said she was ill in bed with a temperature and would wait until after the May Day holiday.

5-year term would ease suspicion, Carter asserts

WASHINGTON, April 29 (R) — President Carter now believes the president of the United States should serve only one six-year term.

"I didn't use to think so, even after I became president," Carter said Saturday.

"But I have begun to realize lately that if I could just by the stroke of a pen change the Constitution, I think one six-year term would be preferable."

American presidents now are elected for four years and are limited to two terms in office. President Carter is widely expected to announce soon that he will seek re-election in 1980.

Carter made his comment on presidential terms in an interview with editors of the United Press

International news service and publishing executives on the agency's newspaper advisory board.

He said that during a president's first term, all his actions viewed with political suspicion.

"The reason is that no matter what I do as president now, where I am really trying to ignore politics and stay away from any sort of campaign plans, a lot of things I do are colored through the news media and in the minds of the American people by, 'Is this a campaign play or is it genuinely done without any sort of personal advantage involved?'" Carter said.

There have been frequent suggestions in the past that the presidency be limited to a single longer term, but the idea has received little support in Congress.

Mental patient attacked embassy, Soviets announce

MOSCOW, April 29 (AP) — An unemployed mentally ill Russian was identified Saturday as the intruder who forced his way into the U.S. embassy carrying two sawed-off shotguns and claiming to have a bomb.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in a terse dispatch about the Friday night incident, identified the man as Yuri F. Nikredit. The man's age or hometown was not reported.

"The person proved to be Yuri Nikredit, a man without a definite employment, suffering from a mental disorder with several hospitalizations in this connection," a Tass dispatch said.

The news agency reported that the Soviet Foreign Ministry "Expressed its regret" to the U.S. embassy officials "who assisted in detaining a criminal."

Tass noted that the intruder was detained and disarmed by "representatives of Soviet authorities with aid of embassy officials." There was no word on whether the bomb was real or not.

The Tass dispatch showed none of the acrimony that was evident in U.S.-Soviet relations surrounding the March 28 incident in which a Soviet merchant seaman blew himself up inside the embassy. The embassy called immediately for Soviet help when the seaman declared he had a bomb after he was escorted into the consular office by a U.S. diplomat.

Longest reigning sovereign marks 78th birthday

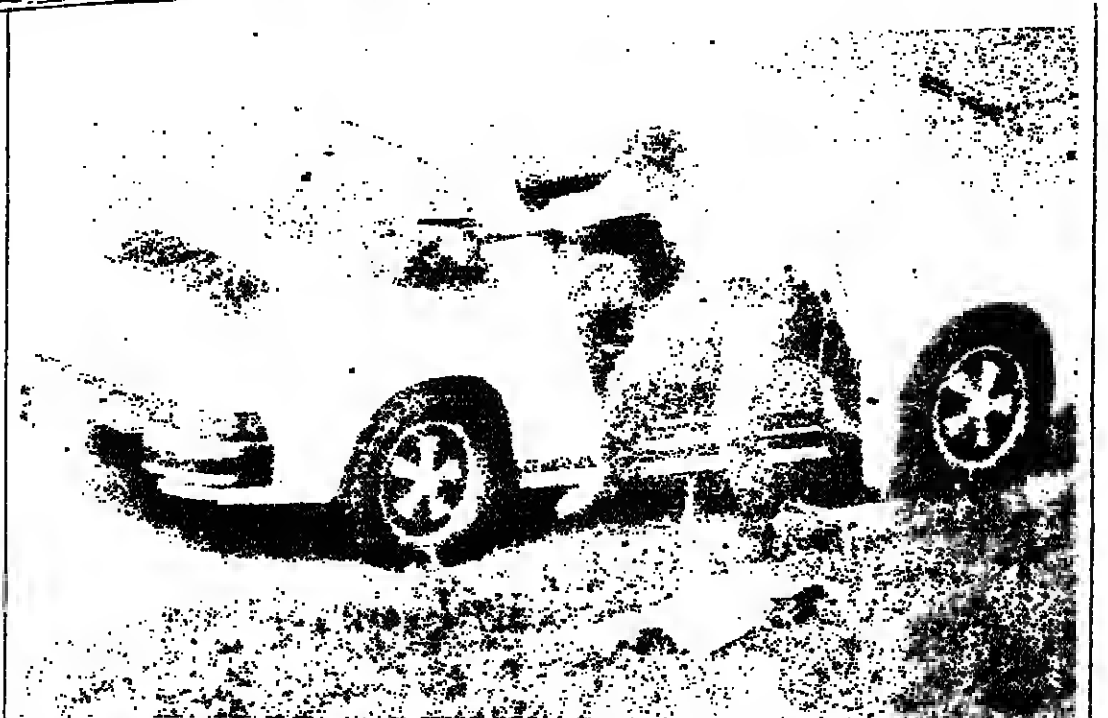
TOKYO, April 29 (AP) — Emperor Hirohito, the world's longest reigning sovereign, celebrated his 78th birthday Sunday, as several thousand persons entered the Imperial Palace grounds for one of his few public appearances.

Hirohito, who ascended the throne in 1926 as the 124th in the unbroken line, traditionally appears on the palace balcony on his birthday, a national holiday, and on New Year's Day.

While the emperor frequently receives state guests, he seldom makes public appearances.

Imperial Household Agency doctors marked the birthday with their traditional announcement that the emperor is in good physical condition.

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ATTACK: Kidnapper Augustin Newman, 23, leaps from a car where he held a San Diego psychiatrist hostage for more than 3 hours April 25, to fire at police. He faced a hail of bullets. (AP photo)



WOUNDED: As psychiatrist Richard Townsend huddles on the seat of his Porsche, Newman falls to the ground, wounded by police after a standoff on Interstate 8. (AP photo)



SECONDS TO LIVE: Newman, believed to be a 23-year-old Nigerian exchange student, sprawls beside the highway. He was dead on arrival at San Diego's Mercy Hospital. Police believe he forced Townsend at gunpoint to withdraw money from the bank and then kidnapped him. (AP photo)

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Investment in Egypt

By Thomas Lippman

CAIRO —

President Carter had the easy job nursing Egypt and Israel through the long negotiations that led to their peace treaty. He left the hard part to Robert Strauss, his special trade representative, who has been assigned the awesome task of stimulating the Israeli and Egyptian economies.

It took Strauss only one day of his visit to Egypt to conclude that "it is essential that we not raise expectations too high."

Before going on to Israel, Strauss said Carter would be pleased with the "total candor, tremendous goodwill and desire to cooperate" that he found here, but he did not disguise his doubts about whether anything can be accomplished as fast as Carter wishes.

In a message to Congress asking more economic and military aid to Egypt and Israel, Carter said "the Egyptian government has an urgent and critical need to demonstrate to its people the economic benefits of peace." According to Strauss, Carter's sense of urgency was so great that he insisted Strauss and his 28-member delegation of cabinet officials, congressmen, business executives and union leaders "take off right now without wasting time," even though many of them "had other plans."

Now that he is here, however, Strauss has quickly learned what a long procession of American businessmen, bankers and consultants have learned before him over the past several years — that in Egypt, the American "can-do" approach is like the irresistible force hitting the immovable object.

Although Egypt officially welcomes foreign capital under the "open-door policy" proclaimed by President Anwar Sadat after the 1973 war, there has been little substantial investment of risk capital for many reasons. Egypt is a sluggish, state-managed economy in which all public services, utilities and major factories are state-owned, and the legal and attitudinal obstacles to foreign economic investment were developed over 20 years under Sadat's predecessor, Gamal Abdul Nasser.

Speaking to reporters recently after meeting Sadat, Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and Egypt's leading economic officials, Strauss said, "I want to emphasize and re-emphasize that the problems we are working on here are going to require tenacity and patience and creative thinking and goodwill."

Strauss said he has not been discussing direct government-to-government aid, but the participation of American private enterprise in the Egyptian economy. His conclusion, he said, was that "the future of American investment in Egypt is excellent," but he coupled that with a sober warning to the Egyptians.

"American business is like business anywhere in the world," he said. "They want to support this peace initiative, but when they invest their shareholders' money they invest it for profit. They are going to go where profits can be made." Before coming here, he said, he was not sure that the Egyptians understood this, but he said he found that "that awareness has developed over the past couple of years where they never had it before."

The basic difficulty Strauss faces is that Egypt wants and probably needs vast infusions of American and other foreign capital to get its economy moving and expects the Carter administration to come up with it, while the real potential source of investment, private corporations, has other interests to serve.

Every American who has been in Egypt more than a month can recite long tales — funny to hear but maddening to experience — of the disincentives confronting Western businesses considering investment in the Egyptian market. These range from the general level of poverty which limits the Egyptians' capacity as consumers to the obstacles thrown up by officials of the state-owned industries protecting their turf to bureaucratic red tape and currency restrictions to acute shortages of electricity, telephone service and sewage treatment facilities. — (WP)

Discipline in Iran

By Nicholas Cumming-Bruce

TEHRAN —

Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's religious leader, looks set to bring to heel the revolutionary committees whose undisciplined interference in all walks of life has become a menace to his authority and to the unity of Iran's leaders.

The impetus for this action came from Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, one of the most influential and popular of Iran's religious leaders, after the arrest and beating of his two sons, supposedly by members of a Tehran committee.

The incident moved Ayatollah Taleghani to speak angrily of the "trampled rights of the Iranian nation" and warn of a return to "dictatorship and despotism." It also brought thousands into the streets of the capital to demonstrate in his support.

Exactly who was responsible for their arrest, whether it was a committee blunder or reflected a more sinister political maneuver, remains obscure.

But if it ever caused a breach between Ayatollahs Taleghani and Khomeini, talks between them brought strong denials. "I believe in his purity, decisiveness and competence," said Ayatollah Taleghani of Iran's religious strongman. "I have accepted his decisive leadership."

Such categoric support, if nothing else, served to caution radical groups such as the Mujahadeen guerrilla organization, which, being critical of Khomeini's leadership, has adopted Ayatollah Taleghani as its mentor.

Accompanying the rhetoric are moves to make the revolutionary groups more accountable. Tehran's central committee, which is effectively Ayatollah Khomeini's office in the capital, announced that a census is to be held of other revolutionary committees on orders from Khomeini and Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

This is something of a boost for the status of the provisional government, which has been frequently embarrassed by the total lack of regard for its authority by the committees.

Forms were sent to the committees asking for the background and details of committee leaders and members. By breaking the anonymity of the committees, it should be possible to pin down responsibility for breaches of discipline.

In addition, Tehran's prosecutor has issued instructions that committees should hand over to the regular police anyone found breaking the law and should leave investigation of complaints to the police.

The question of how authority is to be enforced and by whom remains unanswered. The police appeared back on the streets of Iranian cities but are in no position to challenge armed militiamen of the committees. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Commenting on news reports that the Bahraini minister of information attended the opening ceremony of the regional conference of the Rotary clubs in Manama, "Al-Nadwa" severely attacked the club.

"When the Arab states discovered the Zionist nature of Masonic halls and banned them the Zionists returned through the Rotary clubs to continue collecting political, military and religious information on the host countries."

"These clubs are no more than branches for the Masonic movement which is closely connected to Zionism. Rotary clubs insist on a Masonic majority among members."

"The Rotary club of Edinburgh accepts Free Masons only. There are many clubs which operate under various guises while they actually are Zionist-dominated outfits. The World Muslim League has already drawn attention to the insidious hazards of

these clubs and made it clear that they are set up by the Zionists for furthering their own goals."

"Al-Riyadh" said that "it is shocking to realize that the U.N. Security Council appeared incapable of intervening to ensure the peace in southern Lebanon."

Instead of taking action, it called on other powers to handle the situation. This was nothing less than self-indictment and an admission of defeat arising from its own lack of initiative. It is also worrying to hear that the Council is either on the side of Israel or a mere toy in the hand of the United States which has used the Council to create a security belt for Israel in the region. It was obvious from the beginning that the U.N. forces in Lebanon would be powerless to carry out the Council resolution unless they were ordered to do so. These orders were never given. The Council has damaged its reputation, aligned itself with Israel and disappointed the government

of Lebanon."

According to "Al-Bilad" it may be premature to expect the Soviet Union to bet on France as an ally to counteract the new American-Chinese alliance.

The French-Soviet relations are still at the beginning of a possible transformation which was described by President Giscard as the first analysis and clarification of the outstanding issues between the two countries.

The Soviet Union has lost a powerful ally, China, to the United States which made the latter's position stronger in arms limitation talks.

"The Soviet Union may be thinking of France as a possible ally having failed to win over the West Germans."

"This is assisted by the lack of warmth in Franco-American relations. Whereas France is keen on European unity, the United States is anxious to dominate Europe. This attitude was rejected by De

Gaulle, Pompidou and is being rejected by Giscard."

"The Soviet Union has won a great victory by signing an economic cooperation agreement with France and the latter has stayed the hand of the Soviet Union as far as French socialists are concerned."

Another commentary in "Al-Madina" said that "persistent press and congressional attacks in the U.S. on Saudi Arabia are calculated to damage American-Saudi relations. Unless they are halted, we in this country will have to reassess our relationship with the United States. If the American press is free, and we are willing to accept that, what prevents other free American papers from condemning such attacks on us unless the concept of press freedom is confined to slandering Saudi Arabia."

"The Americans succeeded in eliminating European influence in the region but failed to establish

any influence of their own," the paper said. "They engineered a hopeless peace treaty between Egypt and Israel and when the majority of Arabs denounced it, they pounced on them and subjected them to their media."

"It would be better for the Americans to listen to advice rather than flex their muscles. Is it erroneous to presume that there is only one road, and that it leads to Washington. There are many roads, and two-way traffic roads are more numerous than single roads which lead to one destination. For us there are many and diverse roads which point in different directions."

"When an Israeli television reporter asked the Egyptian defense minister about his country's reaction to a possible war between Israel and Syria, his answer was so negative as to exclude even the possibility of verbal condemnation." "Al-Madina" said, "If the same question was put

even to France, it would have certainly denounced aggression more vigorously than the Egyptian minister has done."

"Even worse," the paper said, "the defense minister went as far as to claim that the Arabs can never fight another war without Egyptian participation. Similar allegations were made regarding Arab inability to take political decisions without Egypt. This is a lie and the product of overweening arrogance and conceit."

"Okaz" said that the international community "should confront Israel because of its defiance of United Nations resolutions and continued settlement of the occupied lands especially in the West Bank where more and more colonies are being built. Israel intends to settle thousands of Soviet Jews and others in Arab lands and unless the Arabs take a firm stand on this issue, Israel will continue to annex more land for the benefit of its immigrants."

"The same question was put



American television and the Arabs

EDITOR'S NOTE: The author of this article is a professor of mass communications at Southern Illinois University. In this article he discusses the stereotyping of the Arab in American television.

By Jack Shanben

ST. LOUIS —

HISTORY repeats itself. The racism which led to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II was created partly by the motion picture industry, which for years typecast the Oriental as villain, and partly by the press, especially the newspapers owned by William Randolph Hearst.

The "yellow peril" hysteria and the stereotyping which helped to produce that myth have retreated into history. Today the Arab has become the latest subject of media stereotyping. As any television fan knows, a villain is needed in conflicts that pit good against evil. Today's television villain is the Arab, simplistically and unfairly portrayed.

In 1977 the United States Commission on Civil Rights published a controversial report, *Window Dressing on the Set: Women and Minorities in Television*. The report documents how minority groups are unfairly portrayed on television, warning that such portrayals are issues of critical importance to American society. It urges that television networks and production companies be alerted to the harm that may result from programs showing minorities in stereotyped ways. "Once formed," said project director Helen Loukas, "the stereotype tends to persist, even in the face of contradictory evidence and experience. Contradictory evidence is seen as an exception; it does not affect the stereotype."

The report examines unrealistic portrayals of Asians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, blacks, American Indians and women. No mention is made of a more recent phenomenon: television's stereotyping of the modern Arab. When asked why Arabs were not included in the report, Loukas said that "there were no data available from the Annenberg School of Communications" and that "they do not appear frequently enough to be countable in studies." But TV's image of the Arab is omnipresent: a cruel, cowardly and decadent character.

Television entertainment programs suggest that the Arab world consists of several stock characters. One is the oil-rich desert sheikh, possessor of camels, Cadillacs and retinues; he is rich, irresponsible, backward and sex-mad. Another Arab type is the terrorist or participant in political intrigue. He is concerned about political issues, but that concern is expressed largely through murder, kidnapping and other forms of terrorism. The Arab woman is seldom shown. A chattel of little importance, she apparently has no function but to secure food and serve as member of a harem.

Viewers are never shown the positive contributions Arabs have made to Western culture in mathematics, astronomy, medicine, physics and literature. To make matters worse, programs stereotyping the Arab are sold in syndication to foreign countries. Thus, America's TV image of the Arab is marketed throughout the world. Last year, American television exporters had a total foreign gross of over \$200 million.

The fantasy is becoming part of our folklore. The Arab is depicted as a cheat and backstabber. The worst possible images, from the blood-fueled Bedouin to the ruthless oil blackmailer, are put forth.

Asked why such stereotyping persists, some network officials are prone to minimize the problem. Said Jerome H. Stanley of NBC: "If you have observed negative stereotyping of Arabs on television, you have the advantage over us, inasmuch as we have never been contacted by any Arabian or Arab-American organization to set forth for our edification examples of such stereotyping."

Julie T. Hoover of ABC contends that "any negative stereotyping of a minority group on television may have the effect of reinforcing prejudice and is, therefore, potentially damaging to an image of a group." Hoover denies, however, that there is a negative image of Arabs on ABC-TV.

In contrast, Van Gordon Sauter of CBS writes: "Having spent a fair amount of time in the Arab world, I share your concerns, and have taken steps to eliminate the stereotyping we both find so offensive. We have repeatedly removed from proposed scripts references to people of Arab origin which, in our opinion, are

unjust. Indeed, there will be Arabs portrayed... but they will not be held up to derision."

Despite Stanley's and Hoover's denials and Sauter's expression of concern, many nationally produced entertainment programs have singled out the Arab as archbuffoon or villain. Here are a few representative samples gleaned from my own casual television viewing:

Professional Wrestling. "Akbar likes to hear the cracking of bones, and when he makes those faces, he is ugly, ugly!" says the television announcer. The frenzy of the jeering mob is heightened by the mere presence of the ruthless Arab in the wrestling ring. Akbar, adds the announcer, is from Saudi Arabia. In truth, this scourge of the Middle East hails from Texas.

Another "Arab" TV terror is Abdullah the Butcher, a dirty fighter with abundant wealth who takes pleasure in inflicting pain on other wrestlers. Abdullah's promoters claim that he is an Arab from the Sudan. He is actually a black from the U.S. American wrestling fans hate Akbar and Abdullah.

Fantasy Island. A meek schoolteacher's fantasy is to become a sheikh and have a harem. The harem belongs to a "real sheikh," who arranges to have the teacher assassinated in his place. This show not only perpetuates the false Arab-harem image, but shows Arabs as inept assassins, easily outwitted by a bashful teacher.

Charlie's Angels. The 1977 season began with a two-hour special pitting Arab against Arab. Six dissidents try to assassinate their fellow Arabs in a crowded auditorium. The Angels episode shows the dissidents preparing to use weapons that will kill scores of innocent people in less than two seconds. Yet the Arabs are shown as inept fighters. Actor Phil Silvers menacingly growls at one of the captured dissidents: "You ain't so tough... you camel-eater!"

Wonder Woman. One of the culprits is a greedy Arab businessman whose scheme to raise oil prices will underwrite an even more diabolic plot — cornering the world's gold market. Not only is the Arab crooked; he is also inept: the fact that his Caucasian cohort intended to balk him is obvious to everyone but the Arab.

Medical Center. The wealthy son of an Arab potentate, Pete Rashid, acts irresponsibly, squandering seemingly unlimited funds. He purchases Joe Gannon's apartment building and even provides Dr. Gannon with his own private gas pump. Rashid's father is a primitive racist, while his son is Hollywood's rich, spoiled Arab, lazy and immature.

One Day at a Time. The girls are shocked to discover that their dates are not taking them to a fast-food restaurant. Barbara asks her boyfriend: "What did you guys do — mug an Arab?"

Hawaii Five-O. The first wife of an Arab prince, Rashid (he divorced her because she could not bear children), plans the kidnapping of her ex-husband's second wife. During the abduction, the new princess and Ali are killed. Prince Rashid, hearing of his employee's death, says "I wish we were in a less civilized country where Ali's death could be revenge — an eye for an eye."

Get Smart. An Israeli agent helps Max and Agent 99 prevent Arabs from assassinating an Arab prince. The prince, who has 33 wives, is portrayed as a bumbling idiot. His lunch consists of "camels' ears boiled in goat's milk."

Alice. In an episode titled "Florence of Arabia," a wealthy Arab oil baron (1) has three wives and seeks to make Flo, an American waitress, his fourth, because "in my country red hair is considered to be hot stuff"; (2) will take his bride-to-be and all her friends to his country in his modest 747; (3) turns out to be one of those Arabs who are trying to buy up the whole country; (4) complains that he must return home because of an accident in one of his diamond mines — "they struck oil"; (5) quotes his wise father who, among other things, said: "A man who has no friends must dance with his camel." Flo discovers that the Arab has other wives ("They don't divorce in the shadow of pyramids; they just put another bed in the tent"), and after boasting, "I'm rich enough to eat with my fingers," she abruptly throws her \$100,000 engagement ring into a bowl of couscous.

Police Woman. The white slavery theme is exploited as one "good" Arab (who is half-French) tries to prevent the abduction of young, underage girls to the Kingdom of Ramat. The other Arabs — those responsible for killings and kidnappings — are shown as living abnormal desires. In one scene a sinister, wealthy Arab, supposedly a sheikh, anxiously awaits his 15-year-old prize. He will take her by force, if necessary.

Rockford Files. An American security guard who has killed a young Arab student pleads for his life hysterically: "Don't let them take me (over there); they'll chop off my head and put it on a pole."

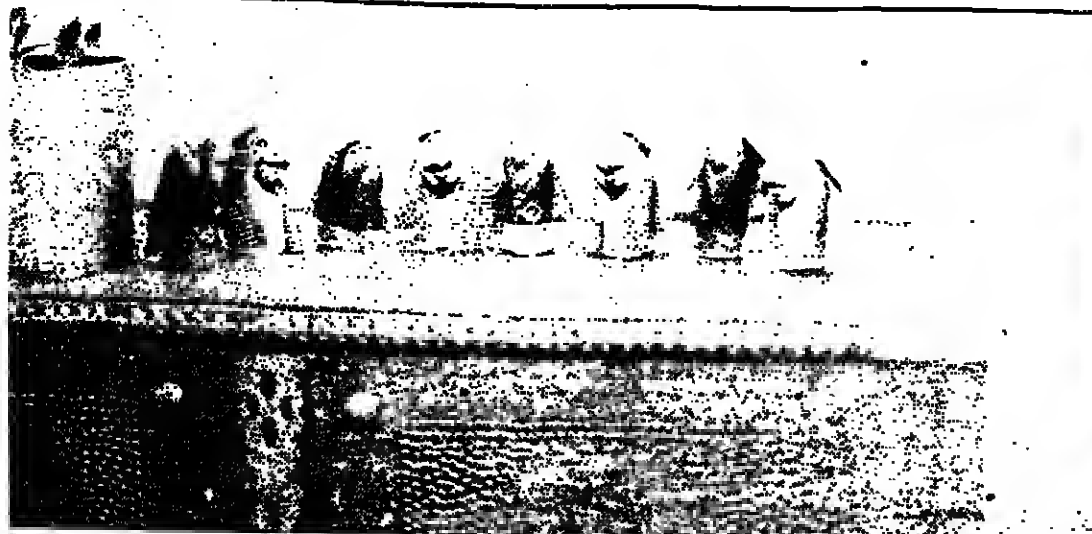
The Feather and Father Gang. The leading performers pose as Arabs, complete with flowing robes. They utter garbled, ridiculous noises that supposedly mimic chanted prayers.

Stereotyping tends to be self-perpetuating, providing not only information but, as Walter Lippmann pointed out, "pictures in our head." These pictures of the Arabs not only reinforce and sharpen held by millions of television viewers. Depicted as the murderous as the spoiled rich kid who thinks money can buy love, the television Arab, as seen on entertainment programs, is about as close to being a real Arab as Rudolph Valentino was.

Columnist Meg Greenfield writes in Newsweek: "There is a dehumanizing circular process at work here. The caricature dehumanizing influence, namely, an absence of feeling for who the Arabs are and where they have been." Greenfield's comments referred to the image perpetuated by comics and cartoonists, but her impressions are relevant to the problem of the Arab's distorted TV image.

Absolute truth may be as elusive as the boundaries of the universe, but a commitment to accuracy is essential. The stereotyping of the Arab has as its long-range consequences the shaping of false attitudes and engendering of xenophobia.

Such portrayals work against the development of peaceful coexistence by presenting a distorted view of Arabs, depicting them as backward nomads, lurking among the shadows of the souk or squatting in desert tents surrounded by obese belly dancers and oil wells. Unfortunately, it is apparently still socially permissible to accept these degrading caricatures as American television continues to foster the myth that there are no humane Arabs.



A doll show of Bedouin handweaving

By Jean Grant

AL-KHOBAR — Nabila Al Bassam perched on a chair, hammer in hand, stringing up a blue hamac. Five minutes later, she was setting a large Bedouin lady doll comfortably in the hamac and giving it a gentle push. The doll smiled benignly down on us as she swayed to and fro. The sunlight caught the shimmering brightly colored stripes on her dress. Here one felt immediately at ease. When one of her Bedouin weavers saw the doll, Nabila says, "she laughed and laughed." Nabila herself breaks into clear peals of delighted laughter as she looks at her doll with pride and amusement.

Nabila Al-Bassam, Saudi artist, was putting the final touches on her gallery to be opened Tuesday, May 1 in Al-Khobar. She has wanted a gallery for a long time. "I want to promote and encourage Middle Eastern art. All our crafts and arts: We have so much to offer the West. When we see Westerners appreciating our crafts, then we begin to value them, too. We're beginning to regret having thrown out all old coffee pots and Kuwaiti chests."

The craft closest to Nabila's heart is Bedouin handweaving. She calls it "one of the most developed art forms in the country, and one which in Saudi Arabia is solely in the hands of the women. It is, however, a dying craft as modern wares replace our basic needs. My intention is to revive this craft and develop an industry that will continue to develop our artistic instincts and expressions."

There is a lot of work to be done before the first shuttle flies on the loom. After the sheep or camel has been sheared, the women wash the wool and spin small quantities of it at a time. Two wove skeins are twisted to make them double-ply. Dyeing is the next step. When enough balls of wool are ready, the loom is set up.

The actual weaving requires much physical strength and dexterity. The woman sits astride the loom to weave; the width of the loom is determined by whatever is

a comfortable arm span for the weaver while its length changes according to the size of the item to be woven.

Nabila's success can be gauged by the fact that she now has 15 ladies weaving for her whereas when she first started she only had three. These women live on the outskirts of Dammam, Saybat and Qatif. Nabila speaks of them affectionately and with respect. They are all older than she. Most are in their mid-forties, with experience in weaving.

Nabila believes her weavers accept the changes in the country. Many of them have television through which they are exposed to other life styles.

The government is trying to relocate the Bedouins by giving them loans for housing. Their new homes have cement floors, of course, but the women prefer a sandy floor for weaving. It is more difficult for them to weave on hard cement floor, especially in summer. In confined quarters, moreover, they cannot make the loom as long as they would like. Housing is expensive in Arabia and it is not surprising that the women prefer to sacrifice loom for a bathroom or kitchen. Their daughters go to school and learn to sew on sewing machines, but weaving is not taught. As the Bedouin is moved from the hardship of the desert to the ease of the city, she is not so ready to do the heavy manual labor weaving requires. For these reasons, weaving in Saudi Arabia is in a decline.

One of the ways Nabila hopes to bring new life to weaving in the country is by introducing novel items: belt pulls, belts, satchels. Old items—such as camel saddles—are adapted to new uses; for example, magazine holders or plant holders or cushions suitable for the modern home. From a length of woven fabric, Nabila also creates wall hangings—an idea foreign to the Bedouin women whose craft had always been devoted to the functional. To make her "Bedouin Looking Glass," she incorporates a mirror into one of these wall hangings. Some of the wall hangings have Bedouin

jewellery affixed to them to enhance their decorative value.

Nabila insists "I don't want to make something ultramodern." Thus she uses traditional tribal patterns and tassels in her designs.

One of Nabila's items is the woven satchel or handbag. In Arabia these used to be carried by men because it was they who did all the trading. Nabila asked her weavers to find a way to fasten the handbag to keep the contents secure. She giggled excitedly as she explained how by using a series of loops, joined together in a chain, they had devised a fastening for handbags "very fast and very safe so one wouldn't be able to spend one's money at all."

Nabila has also thought of practical innovations. The Bedouin had never made their own natural dyes, preferring to import them from India. These dyes, however, were not color-fast, and many an unwary buyer saw disaster after washing instead of dry cleaning his carpet. Nabila insists "My weavers are going to have color fast dyes" and is importing special dyes from the U.S. She has also improved on the simple spinning device used by the Bedouin.

The display room is a pleasant place with the dolls scattered about. "When I was a child," Nabila said, "I always hated dolls. I asked only for paints as gifts. I used to drown my dolls. Four or five years ago in the U.S. I made my first doll—a four-foot tall gypsy doll. I don't know why I did it, but everyone liked it so I made a few more."

Now she has a population of dolls all sizes, dresses and shapes: from Saudi bride and groom dolls to dolls in formal robes to small satirical dolls. The diversity is surprising; the colors that shimmer below the abaya are gaudy. As Nabila remarks about such costumes, "Our exterior is severe, but in our homes Saudi women like colorful things. Dolls used to be banned in the Kingdom, but now there is a more liberal attitude towards them."

The Gallery, as Nabila Al-Bassam's showplace is called, consists of two display rooms and a



workroom. One room will be devoted to painting, and the other to crafts. New exhibits are planned every month. The first exhibit will consist of weavings and a general survey of the crafts of Arabia. Prints and stationary are also available. Although the emphasis will be on Middle Eastern art and crafts, it will not be limited to these. "Art," insists Nabila, "should have no boundaries."

As this is the International Year of the Child, there will be a special children's art exhibit sometime this year, showing the work of Saudi children in the Eastern Province.

Nabila received her degrees from the American University of Beirut in education, although she took all the art courses there she could. While in Beirut, she won

first prize at the Inter-University Group Show; she won another first prize in the Aramco competition in 1974, coming ahead of 55 local artists. While in Philadelphia, she exhibited at the College of Art.

She is presently writing an illustrated book on weaving in Saudi Arabia. For this, she is building up a collection of the finest weavings available. Whenever she finds a talented weaver, she asks for a sample of her work.

The Gallery is located in Al-Khobar on Prince Saad Street between 27th and 28th Streets (i.e., just down from the mosque off Pepsi Cola road). It is open daily from May 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays it is open in the evening as well from 4 to 7 p.m.



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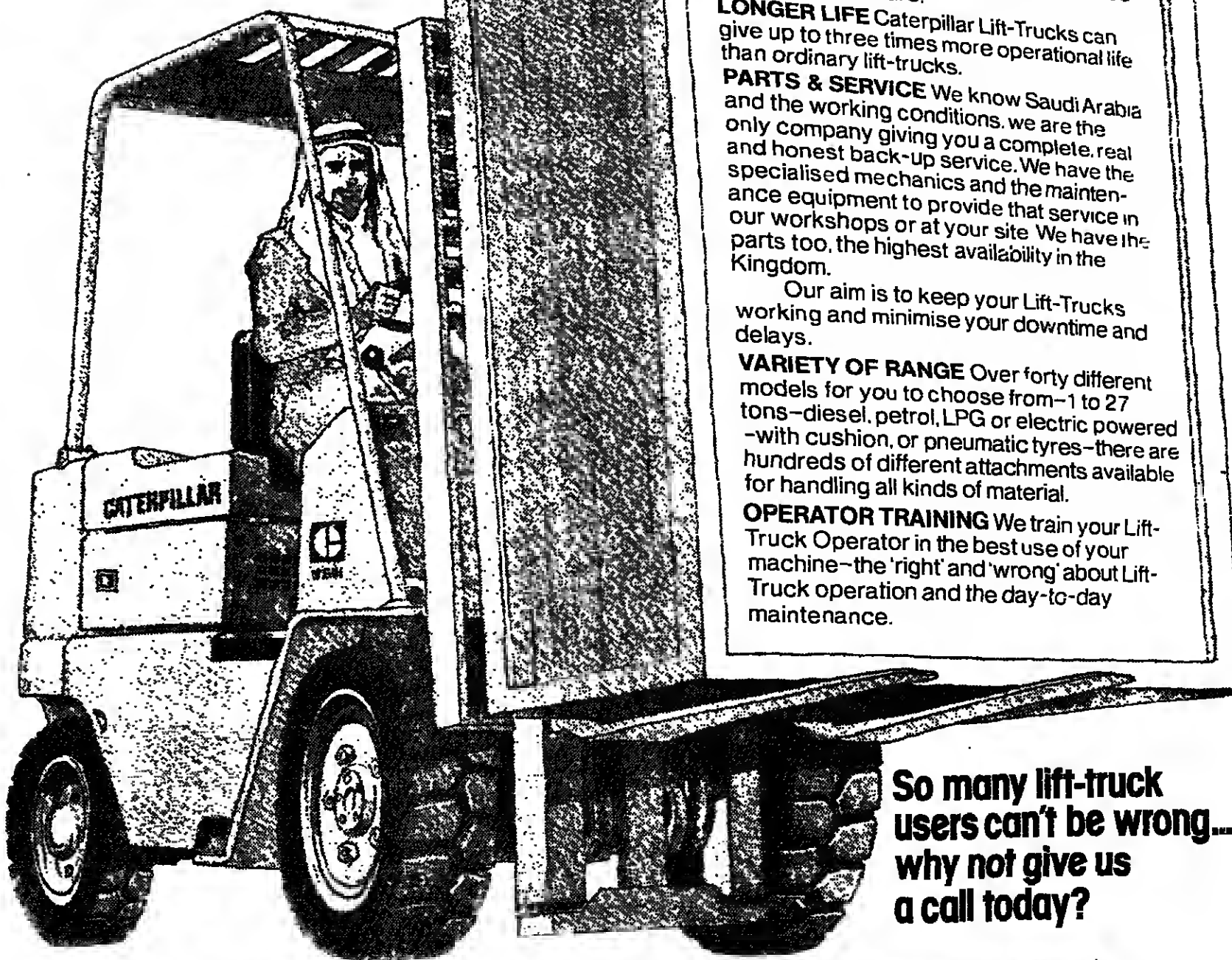
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European ready-to-wear round-up

By Betty Ommernan

NEW YORK — As the French, Italian and British ready-to-wear collections for next fall and winter drew to a close, one thing was certain: European designers were in a shapely mood.

In Paris, most designers favored body-conscious slim skirts. Valentino, however, was one of those who went out on a swing with his flared, sometimes teeny, coats, jackets and dresses. Yet for the most part, the slit skirt has become old hat, a possible concession to the cold winters of the past few years.

The Chinese influence upon French designers has lost strength. But if you must have an ethnic or nationalistic crutch to lean on,

Yves Saint Laurent suggested Scotland; his designs reflected a strong highlands influence. Though he still showed a few mandarin-inspired jackets for evening, it was Saint Laurent's Scottish accent that came across best. His collection included tartan-plaid shawls worn clan-fashion over one shoulder, kilt skirts in lengths—from day into evening—and side-tilted tam-o'-shanters. While wool plaid was preferred for day, panne velvet was Saint Laurent's choice for night illumination. As for length's, he dropped hemlines from just over the kneecap to about seven centimeters below the knee.

Dresses to do a highlands fling in were also strong in Tan Giudicelli's collection. Many of

his styles, bowed at the neck, are cut on the bias and have flared skirts. Giudicelli also combined tartan-plaid spencer jackets with just-below-the-knee skirts in satin-appliqued velvet. To the list of designers utilizing a Scottish theme, you can also add Emmanuelle Khanh, Georges Rech and the House of Dior.

Hubert de Givenchy sees fall as a season of sculptured, tailored clothing. Shoulders no longer pay homage to football heroes. Though still slightly broad, they look neat and defined and add just the right amount of emphasis to the shaped silhouette. Bustiers, many long enough to flare out as peplums, are found in the collection of Karl Lagerfeld of Chloe, along with bustle gowns in a Victorian mood. Lagerfeld also makes his slightly extended shoulders puffy instead of padded—a more feminine look.

But, if you already own one or more of the super-wide, padded-shoulder outfits, don't despair. You can always say you're following the stylish dictates of Claude Mouton, Pablo el Delin or Jean-Claude de Luca.

If general style points, rather than designer suggestions, are what you're after, here's what to look for:

—Shaped silhouettes with slightly extended or puffed shoulder lines, belted waistlines and hour-glass or flared skirt.

—Tunics over easy-fitting pants (neither strangle-narrow nor sloppy wide).

—Leather and vinyl for pants.

—Leggings and short boots or patent pumps.

—Smocky, gathered tops big enough to conceal problem hips.

—Continuing importance of the shaped suit.

—Redingote coats with martingale belted backs and the return of the seven-eighth length.

—Hemlines ranging from just below to seven centimeters below the knee.

—Brighter winter colors—including flame red and turquoise.—(Newsday)



KANEBO COSMETICS: The British fashion house Joset has introduced this famed line of Japanese beauty aids to the U.K. Pictured are Beverly Isherwood, the current Miss Great Britain, and a four-year-old Japanese girl named Sakura.

Flag-to-flag win

Depailler wins Spain GP

MADRID, April 29 (AP)—Patrick Depailler led from start to finish to win the Spanish Formula One Grand Prix and give the Ligier team its third victory of the motor racing season Sunday.

Depailler drove masterfully at the Jarama Circuit north of Madrid and was never threatened during the 255 kilometer race.

The Frenchman's victory, his second in Formula One racing, made him joint leader of the world drivers' championship on 20 points, level with Canadian Gilles Villeneuve of the Ferrari team.

Depailler was followed closely for the first 15 laps by Ligier teammate and compatriot Jacques Laffite. But Laffite's engine gave out and he had to retire.

Second was Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, driving last year's model Lotus 79. Teammate Mario Andretti of the United States, the reigning world champion and winner here in 1977 and last year, was third in a new Lotus 81.

South African Jody Scheckter came fourth in a Ferrari and the Tyrrells of Jean-Pierre Jarier and Didier Piron were fifth and sixth. Villeneuve finished seventh in his Ferrari after a pit stop.

Villeneuve and Depailler both

have 20 points, with France's Jacques Laffite, equal third in the championship with Reutemann, on 18 points.

Scheckter is now fifth with 16 points, and Andretti sixth with 12. Reutemann said before the race he was cramped in the cockpit of his Lotus and gear changing was difficult. "I think, however, I will

have a good chance at the next race in Belgium, a circuit which suits the 79, and I'm content to wait until Mario really debuts the 80."

Depailler said he had been very lucky to make second starting position with a lap in which he was forced to pass two slower cars, proving the Ligier's capability on the twisting circuit.

Faultless Borg bulldozes Connors in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. April 29 (AP)—Bjorn Borg played nearly flawless tennis in defeating Jimmy Connors 6-3, 6-2 to take home \$50,000 in silver dollars as winner of the Alan King Classic Saturday.

Though Connors leads Borg 10 to eight in their single combat battles, he made 100 many unforced errors in the latest match and his forehand volleys and forehand approach shots were erratic.

"I didn't expect an easy win. I have been playing better and better each match," Borg said afterward. He had lost the first set in his first two preliminary matches of

the tournament.

"I was more patient than Jimmy. He was missing more first serves. I prefer to play back and keep my ball deep so he can't come to the net. Jimmy's backhand is better and he has more power with his."

In doubles semifinals Saturday, Marty Riesen and Sherwood Stewart took on John McEnroe and Peter Fleming. The team of Raul Ramirez and Adriano Panatta fought Pat Dupre and Balazs Taroczy, a Hungarian. The finals were scheduled for Sunday.

The play at Caesar's Palace was marred by an unusual number of service breaks for a championship game. Borg broke Connors in the second game of the first set. Connors broke back immediately and then Borg broke back again in the fourth game.

Connors broke Borg in the seventh game, but Borg broke back in the eighth and held service in the ninth to win 6-3. In the second set, Borg broke Connors' serve in the first and third games.

Connors made a few remarks to the crowd, but otherwise showed much less emotion than usual.

"Jimmy's show of emotion doesn't bother me at all," Borg said. "I keep my emotion inside. I just played very well. That's why I won."

Winning streak finished

Dodgers down Mets 3-1

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—Steve Yeager hit a two-run homer to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers past the New York Mets 3-1 Saturday.

With one out in the fifth, New York left-hander Pete Falcone walked Derrel Thomas. Yeager then lofted a 3-2 delivery into the left field screen at Shea Stadium.

Burt Hooton struck out eight and walked one in, ending a three-game losing streak for the Dodgers and stopping a three-game winning streak by New York.

The Dodgers scored their third run in the sixth on an RBI double to right center by Dusty Baker. The only New York run came on Joel Youngblood's leadoff homer in the fifth, his third of the season.

In other National League games, Tony Perez drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a single to pace the Montreal Expos to victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Pete Vuckovich handchecked Cincinnati with a three-hitter through seven innings while his St. Louis Cardinal teammates slamed 17 hits to beat the Reds 12-1. Saturday afternoon's game between Houston and Pittsburgh was rained out.

In the American League, Cecil Cooper's one-out single in the 10th inning scored Gorman Thomas from second with the winning run and Paul Molitor delivered two more with a triple as the Milwaukee Brewers outscored the Toronto Blue Jays 11-8.



Steve Yeager

Steve Kemp and Jason Thompson, returning to the Detroit lineup after injuries, each knocked in a run and right-hander Kip Young pitched his first victory of the season as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Minnesota Twins 5-3.

Wayne Gross' two-run triple sparked a five-run sixth inning as the Oakland A's defeated Baltimore 8-5 and stopped the Orioles' nine-game winning streak.

Dave Winfield's RBI double triggered a three-run sixth inning and John d'Acquisto hurled six innings of one-hit relief as San Diego defeated the Phillies 5-0 in a game delayed by rain for 2 hours and 40 minutes.

Dale Murphy keyed a four-run Atlanta third inning against Rick Reuschel, all the runs coming with two out, with a two-run homer, powering the Braves to a 7-2 victory over the Cubs.

Goalless Forest draw sets Liverpool up for crown

LONDON, April 29 (R)—Nottingham Forest and Liverpool, the two top soccer teams in England, battled out a goalless draw Saturday which virtually assured Liverpool of its third First Division title in four years.

The reigning forest which reached the European Cup final last Wednesday, badly needed two points to stay in contention, but Liverpool was in its most determined mood.

England midfielder international Terry McDermott rattled the woodwork as Liverpool pressed for a winner, although manager Bob Paisley was delighted with the point which leaves his team seven points clear of Forest.

West Bromwich Albion also remained seven points behind Liverpool, when it drew away to Middlesbrough.



BOGEY: Chris Strange, who leads the 1979 New Orleans Open, is seen here in the 16th hole. An early leader, he has been overtaken. Saturday Chris Strange led the field in the third round.

Pakistan triumphs over Australia for hockey title

PERTH, April 29 (AP)—Pakistan defeated Australia 4-2 in a hard-fought final Sunday to retain the world field hockey championship.

The game continuously swung from one end to the other, but the scoring skills of Pakistan and the steadfastness of the Pakistani fullbacks enabled them to win the Esauza Trophy.

Australia opened scoring in the 19th minute from a short corner, but Pakistani left winger Samiullah whacked a hard shot into the Australian goal eight minutes before the first half whistle.

"They are best hockey team I have ever seen play," commented Australian selector John McCormack after Pakistan's victory.

Pakistani team manager Khalid

Mahmoud put the same thoughts somewhat differently: "This win only confirms our position as the top team in the world," he said.

Mahmoud said his team was given a scare when Australia scored first and again when they equalized at 2-2.

The Pakistani team has now remained unbeaten in 22 international matches, having won the

four most recent international tournaments.

For Australia it was time to ponder whether they would ever strike the gold. They have won silver medals at the Mexico and Montreal Olympics and were runners-up for the champions trophy in Lahore last year.

And after an incredible change in fortunes, the Netherlands

finally downed Great Britain 6-5 Sunday to clinch third position.

After leading 2-1 at halftime, finding itself set for a convincing victory by the 51st minute with a 4-1 lead, the Netherlands suddenly found itself on the brink of defeat.

In a pulsating four minute spell the tide changed, with the hard-playing British side scoring an incredible four goals.

A short corner rebound saw Britain's David Westcott score in the 53rd minute. The Dutch were then stunned by two goals in quick succession by forward Soti Kleiser before British fullback Bob Carrall converted a short corner to put his team ahead.

The Netherlands put the pressure on the last few minutes of the match and substitute Tjeerd Bontjap found the equalizer only two minutes before the final whistle.

The Dutch team kept up the attack in extra time but found Britain's Ian Taylor, who may feel proved the best goalkeeper in the tournament, almost impossible to beat.

Then in the seventh minute of extra time, skipper Ron Steens burst down through the middle to score the winner.

India defeated New Zealand 5-3 to win fifth ranking. The teams were locked at 2-2 at halftime after a fast attacking game by both sides.

The Indians dominated the second half after the New Zealanders' passing deteriorated, with the Indian defenders easily breaking up attacks.

Next Time: PERTH, April 29 (R)—Bombay will host the 1982 World Cup. The International Hockey Federation council confirmed here Sunday.

The four grounds to be used in Bombay will be grass and clay to each other.

Economic 5-under-par Strange leads in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, April 29 (AP)—Chris Strange, a 27-year-old former amateur champion, led the 1979 New Orleans Open with a 5-under-par 67 and won the \$150,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament.

The just-winning amateur was making his professional debut. "I was a little nervous," said Strange, "but I put together a 5-under-par 67, 13 strokes under par for the 72-hole tournament."

Strange, who joined the pro team in 1977 and has yet to win, did not make a bogey in his final round. "I was a little nervous," said Strange, "but I put together a 5-under-par 67, 13 strokes under par for the 72-hole tournament."

Strange, the second-round leader by a shot, had a 69 and a 70 in his first two rounds. "I was a little nervous," said Strange, "but I put together a 5-under-par 67, 13 strokes under par for the 72-hole tournament."

Robert Green was alone at 105, two strokes off the pace, after a

group which included Bob Adams, John Frawley, Pat Foster, a struggling Bob Sorenson and Steve Naylor. Foster had a 69, Frawley

and Sorenson 69, Naylor 70. "I was a little nervous," said Strange, "but I put together a 5-under-par 67, 13 strokes under par for the 72-hole tournament."

136-yard nine-iron shot for an eagle 5 on the 16th hole.

The best score on the tour this season was a 51, also 10 under par by Ben Crenshaw in the Phoenix Open.

Blalock 3 shots ahead for final Alabama day

IRVING, Texas, April 29 (AP)—Gene Blalock ended a seven-under-par 65 in Saturday's second round of the LPGA's Chevy Chase Open classic, taking the 100-hole, four-day event for women and giving her an eight-stroke lead going into Sunday's final round.

Blalock's 65 coupled with Friday's 69 for a 135 total, putting her eight shots ahead of Pat Bradley, who was in second place at 141. Ann Washam and Betsy King tied for third with 143.

The weekend's round included seven birdies, one eagle and a pair of bogeys.

There are not too many days in this game when everything goes your way like it did for me today," Blalock said. "I went for all the birdies I could get to build a lead."

Blalock had the day's second-

best round, a four-under-par 69 over the 3,367-yard, par 72 Green Valley Country Club course.

Blalock trailed the front nine in 33, including both her bogeys, then made the back nine in 33, including four birdies and an eagle.

"The round started out to be mediocre," Blalock said, "but then the fun started. I hit the ball about the same Friday, but probably a few more good shots. I hit a couple of bad ones, too, but mostly the ball was good to the flagstick all day."

There was no pressure on me, I was never in much trouble.

Sunday I'll just try to win the big one out of my mind and play like I have the last two days."

The cut for the final round came at 10-over-par 156, leaving 61 players for Sunday's finale.

First Division title looks assured

Goalless Forest draw sets Liverpool up for crown

Mick Burns put Middlesbrough ahead before Albion snatched an equalizer through top scorer Ally Brown.

Liverpool still has five matches to play and can be overtaken, but nobody would now be prepared to say it will not take the title.

Arsenal and Manchester United, who will meet at Wembley in two weeks to decide the Football Association Cup, both drew at home.

United was held by Derby County—a point which may help secure First Division status at Derby next season. But London club Queens Park Rangers thrashed Coventry 5-1 to keep its hopes of overtaking Derby alive.

Clive Allen, playing his first full game for QPR, scored three goals. The Second Division promotion

battle took another twist with leader Sunderland slumping to a shock 2-1 home defeat against Cardiff heading to avoid relegation.

Brighton regained the lead with a home win over relegated Blackburn and Stoke clinging on to second place, despite dropping a point at home to Newcastle. Sunderland is third.

Crystal Palace, with goals from David Swindell and Jerry Murphy, boosted its chances of Division One soccer with a 2-0 win over Notts County, putting it level on points with Sunderland.

Palace's London rival, West Ham, virtually ruined its chances of promotion by dropping a point against Wrexham in an incident-packed 1-1 draw.

British soccer results

LONDON, April 29 (R)—Results of Saturday's British football League matches:

Division One:	
Arsenal	1
Blackburn	1
Blackpool	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Two:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Three:	
Brentford	1
Bury	2
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Four:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Five:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Six:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Seven:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Eight:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Nine:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
Nottingham Forest	0
QPR	5
Sheff Wed	1
Sheff Utd	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	1
West Ham	1
Wolverhampton	0
Division Ten:	
Brighton	2
Burnley	0
Cardiff	0
Coventry	0
Derby	0
Everton	1
Leeds	0
Manchester United	0
Middlesbrough	1
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But gain would be temporary

Market seen reflecting a Tory win

Special to Arab News

LONDON, April 29 — By this time next week, the outcome of the British general election will be settled. The influence of political factors on the London financial markets has been immense over the past few weeks. The prospect of the early election of a Conservative government has driven the stock market up nearly 15 per cent



Margaret Thatcher



James Callaghan

brought Britain to the point where cumulative impatience and desire for a change must be on their side.

It is that proposition which one must question. This is not to say that Mrs. Thatcher won't win and that there isn't a chance of her doing so by quite a substantial margin. Most elections are won by a relatively small swing: the Conservatives don't need an enormous change in public attitudes to come out the winners next Thursday. We would guess that their greatest hope lies simply in the feeling that the fair-minded British usually have, that of giving the other fellow an innings.

The question is how many will feel like that. When it comes to forecasting the result we would go for an overall majority for Mrs. Thatcher of 17 seats.

This is well below the figure that some people in the City are expecting.

But it is the opinion of the writer that three factors could hold back the Conservative surge: The Liberals can be expected to do substantially better on the days than the polls indicate now. Scotland will not swing to the Conservatives and lastly Labor itself will go on pulling back the Tory lead. Indeed, from Mrs. Thatcher's point of view it's a jolly good thing that the election is not being held a week later than it is.

The Conservatives' appeal this time represents a deliberate break with the 'me-too-ism' of the past 25 years. In their judgement the gradual mounting of the individual's tax bills, the persistent erosion of his freedom to do what he likes with his life, the steady increase in the public sector, have

There is always a sneaking suspicion that during the week that is left Labor could pull up even further on the Conservative lead than is expected and that Mrs. Thatcher might (unexpectedly) put her foot in it at the last minute. But we still think she'll do alright on the night.

Western nations agree on energy cooperation

HAKONE, Japan, April 29 (R) — Seven leading industrial countries preparing for an economic summit in Tokyo in June have agreed on the need for international cooperation to develop energy sources other than oil, Japanese sources said Saturday.

Agreement was reached at a three-day meeting here of energy experts from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan, the countries which will take part in the Tokyo summit.

The meeting confirmed the need to cooperate on developing energy sources such as coal and nuclear and solar energy.

The seven nations also agreed to help poorer countries, particularly those without oil, to develop unexploited coal, they said.

The United States proposed

financial forms of cooperation, including the establishment of a loan fund. Japan proposed increased investments in energy development, the sources said.

A report of the meeting will be submitted to a summit preparatory meeting in Washington next month.

Venezuela, Kuwait to discuss oil

KUWAIT, April 29 (R) — Venezuelan Mines and Energy Minister Umberto Calderon Bert will visit Kuwait next week for talks with Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, a government spokesman said Sunday.

The visit was thought to be connected with the regular conference of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries due to be held in Geneva in June.

Meanwhile, Abdul Moneim Hassan Alwan, under-secretary of the Iraqi Oil Ministry left Baghdad Sunday with an oil delegation to visit West Germany, Yugoslavia and Finland.

The Iraq News Agency quoted him as saying the delegation would discuss the possibility of engineering firms carrying out oil and natural gas projects in Iraq.

U.S. family last year needed \$ 19,000 to live 'moderately'

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — The typical U.S. urban family of four had to gross nearly \$ 19,000 last year — 9 per cent more than the year before — to maintain what the government considers to be a moderate standard of living, a new survey shows.

In an annual report on urban family budgets released Saturday, the Labor Department said the average four-member family had a "moderate" income of \$ 19,000 last year, which includes a husband, wife and two children — would have to make \$ 27,420 to maintain a "higher-level" standard of living.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median income for a four-member family with two parents was \$ 19,739 dollars in 1977, the last year for which figures are available. That means more than half of the nation's four-member families can maintain at least a moderate standard of living, based on the government's definition.

Of the 40 areas surveyed, Austin, Texas, is the best place to live, dollar for dollar. The city requires the smallest "moderate" income within the continuous 48 states.

Anchorage and Honolulu require substantially higher family budgets for all three living standards, mainly because of unique transportation costs.

The annual income levels represent the estimated cost of three lists of goods and services — and tax obligations — that were drawn up in the mid-1960s to portray three relative standards of living.

The income levels are based on surveys conducted in 40 metropolitan areas around the country last fall.

The survey reported that a family's gross income had to rise 10 per cent during the last year for the family to maintain a lower-level standard of living. Income had to go up 9 per cent to maintain middle-level and higher-level standards of living.

According to last year's survey, an urban family of four required \$ 10,481 for a lower-level standard, \$ 17,106 for a middle-level standard and \$ 25,202 for a higher-level standard.

Final session set on seabed mining treaty

GENEVA, April 29 (R) — An international conference on man's exploitation of the sea and its resources reported substantial progress here Saturday, but said negotiations were needed to try to resolve outstanding issues.

The third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea worked out revised and expanded proposals for rules governing mining of seabed minerals, and completed a draft legal code for preventing marine pollution and protecting the ocean environment.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

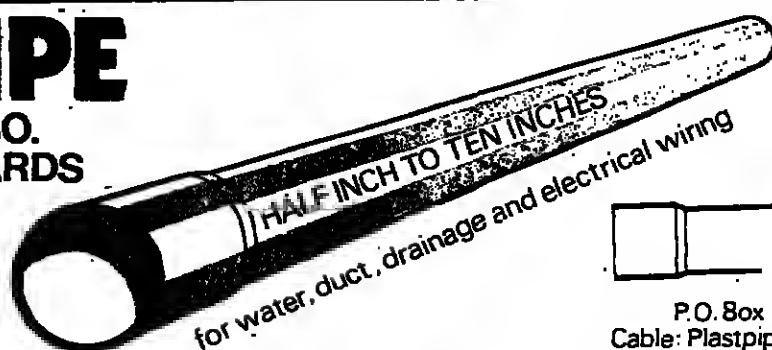
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French F (100)	78.00	78.00	77.55	
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.04	
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.25	106.75	
Syrian Lira (100)	—	75.50	87.10	
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Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.15	
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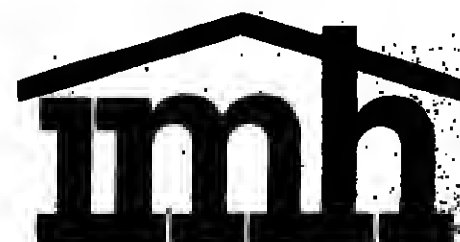
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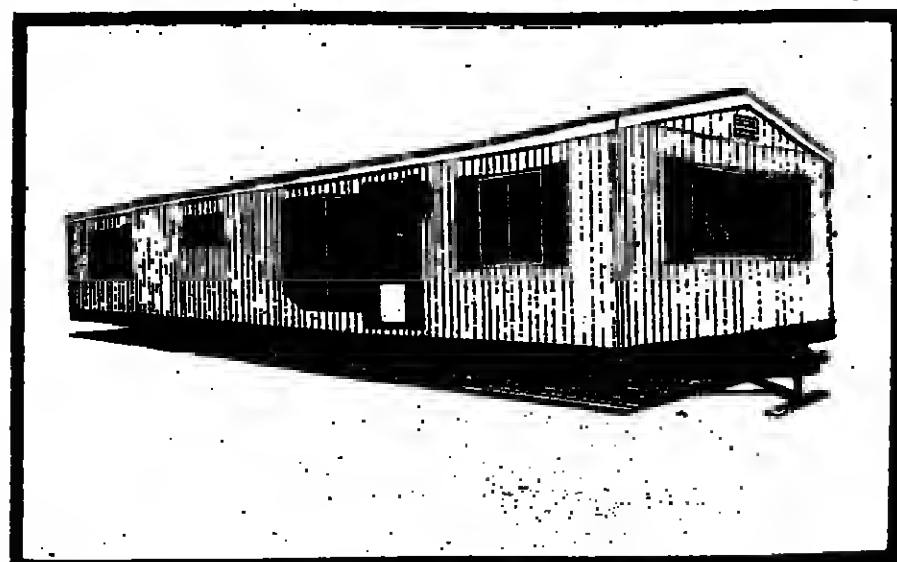


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Libya, Australia sheep deal seen

TRIPOLI, April 29 (R) — Ways to increase trade between Libya and Australia have been discussed at a meeting between South Australian Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Brian Charterton and Libyan officials, the Jans news agency reported. Charterton also Saturday discussed the import of live sheep from Australia and the exchange of agricultural expertise, particularly sheep breeding. He also had meetings to discuss other aspects of cooperation and implementing the existing cooperation agreement, the agency said.


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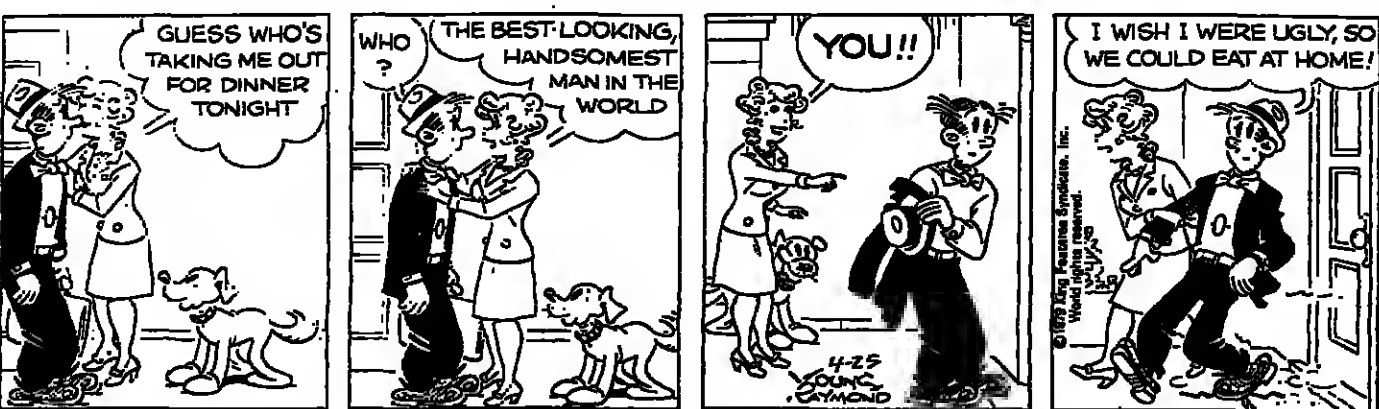
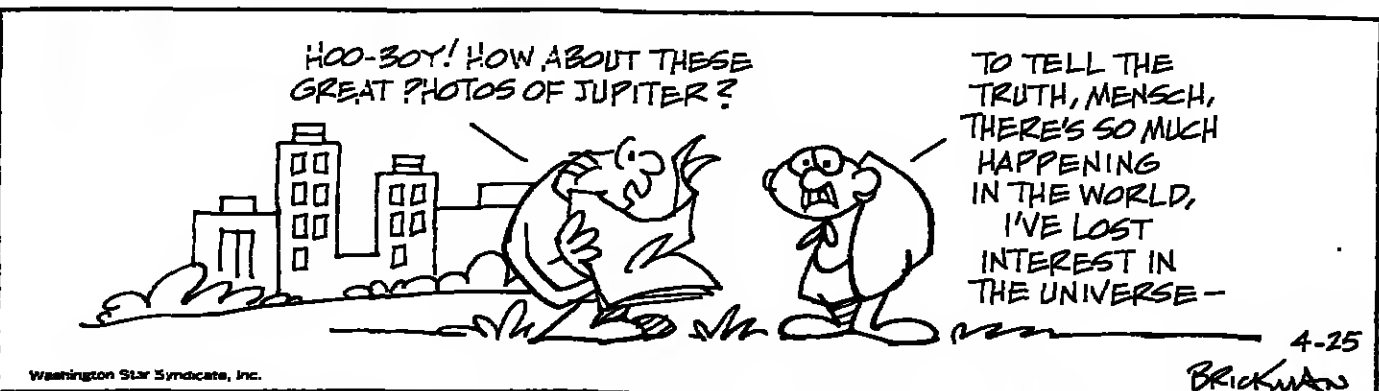
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Labor nips at Tory heels

U.K. campaign enters final lap

LONDON, April 29 (R) — Britain's general election campaign entered its final stages Sunday with opinion polls still pointing toward a victory for Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher.

But a spate of weekend polls suggested the result of next Thursday's vote could be close.

They also raised fresh doubts over the leadership of a Mrs. Thatcher, who is attempting to become Europe's first woman prime minister.

The polls reported the gap between the right-wing Conservative Party and the ruling Labor Party had narrowed in the past week.

Union action threatens 'Times' Europe edition

FRANKFURT, April 29 (AP) — A new European edition of the "London Times" was expected not to be printed Sunday because of threats of violence against a printing plant by German union members, a senior editor said.

Louis Heren, deputy editor of the new newspaper, said several hundred demonstrators were picketing the Turkish-owned printing plant in suburban Frankfurt and threatening violence at 11 a.m. when the first edition was to go to press.

"It seems we won't be able to print the paper today," Heren said. "We can't go to press unless police provide some protection at the plant."

He said 50,000 copies of the 16-page edition were to be printed and distributed to 64 countries. The British Printers' Union has objected to the edition, which comes amid a long strike that has kept the London newspaper from appearing since last November.

Heren said the Printers' Union workers began picketing the Ter-Print Co. two or three days ago after an organizer of the National Graphic Association of Britain flew to Frankfurt to appeal for local support in blocking the edition.

He said the crowd became violent late Saturday and attempted to damage the plant.

"Only rays were stuffed into the outside opening of a compressor at the plant. One BBC reporter at the scene had a knife pulled on him by one of the protesters," Heren said.

The Conservative lead was variably put at three and 11.5 per cent.

They also found shrinking faith in Mrs. Thatcher, who in all surveys lagged far behind Prime Minister James Callaghan in terms of personal standing.

A Gallup Poll published in the "Sunday Telegraph" said 42 per cent believed Callaghan would make the better prime minister and 31 per cent preferred Mrs. Thatcher.

The two leaders Sunday reviewed campaign strategy with party organizers.

The Conservatives were prepar-

ing a propaganda operation suggesting that if Labor wins the election, 67-year-old Callaghan might soon hand over to a more left-wing prime minister.

The party's defense spokesman, Ian Gilmour, set it off with a speech claiming Callaghan had deliberately kept leading left-wingers out of the election spotlight in order not to scare away voters.

So far the campaign has been serious — newspapers have called it dull — and largely centered on Mrs. Thatcher's manifesto. She has pledged to limit government involvement in national life, put private enterprise and move Britain "in a wholly different direction."

The main Conservative promise has been to substantially cut income tax. Callaghan has countered that this would mean raising other forms of taxation and the lowly-paid would be worse off.

Labor Party organizers said Sunday they were convinced Callaghan was winning the argument and this partly explained the latest poll figures.

One poll showed that a majority of Britain's young housewives are fed up with Labor and will vote the Conservative.

The Marplan Organization said the women favor Margaret Thatcher's Tories by 4 percentage points, compared with the 10 per cent lead they gave to Labor in the last election in 1974.

The poll was published in the Sunday "News of the World." It was the only one carried out exclusively among mothers under the age of 45 who account for seven million of this country's 40 million voters.

Marplan said most of the 1,017 women it questioned in 51 of the 635 electoral districts blamed the unions' pay demands more than anything else for doubling prices in the last five years. Most of the women also said they believe the Tory plans to cut taxes and scrap burdensome state controls will bring a better life for their children and their families.



MEET THE PEOPLE: Sixto Duran, Ecuador's conservative presidential candidate, is surrounded by supporters during a campaign rally. Ecuadorians are voting for a president and assembly after nine years of dictatorship.

S. America's third democracy?

Ecuador starts 1st vote in nine years

QUITO, Ecuador, April 29 (AP) — Ecuadorians voted Sunday for a president and national legislature intended to return this South American country to democratic government after nine years of civilian and military dictatorship.

Election officials had expected nearly 2 million of the 2,088,874 registered voters to cast their ballots at 4,602 voting places across the country.

The presidential choice was between Jaime Roldos, a 38-year-old Guayaquil lawyer, and Sixto Duran Ballen, 57, an architect and former mayor of Quito.

Roldos led the field in a six-man race for the presidency July 16, but did not get the required majority for election. Duran was the runner-up in that election.

Roldos, a center-left populist supported by the Concentration of Popular Forces Party, campaigned on the slogan "force of change" and promised a redistribution of the nation's wealth.

Duran, a conservative backed by the Constitutional Front Coalition, called for respect for private property and initiative.

The election had special significance in South America, where only Colombia and Venezuela have civilian governments.

Admiral Alfredo Poveda, chief of Ecuador's ruling military junta,

has promised to transfer power to the new government Aug. 10, national independence day. A new constitution approved in a January referendum will take effect the same day.

Ecuador, a nation of 7 million, has returned from authoritarian to civilian, elected government 35 times in its 149-year history. The constitution is the 18th since 1830.

The congressional election was for 12 national and 578 provincial representatives to a single-house legislature.

Brezhnev weakness cannot be concealed French aides report

MOSCOW, April 29 (AP) — President Leonid Brezhnev ate with a spoon during most of a formal Kremlin dinner, needed help walking up stairs and had lapses of attention during top-level meetings.

That is the picture of the 72-year-old Soviet leader that emerged during President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's visit here. The first trip by a western leader this year just ended.

It raised fresh questions about the state of Brezhnev's health, already known to be impaired, and added to speculation on whether he is fit enough for negotiations with President Jimmy Carter if the two men meet for a long-awaited summit.

"There was nothing dramatic. But it was more the general impression he made," one source said about Brezhnev.

French observers here familiar with Brezhnev said he was markedly less vigorous and mentally alert than during his visit to France two years ago. Brezhnev's health is known to vacillate and he has just recovered from a serious lung inflammation.

Publicly, French officials went out of their way to give the impression that Brezhnev was taking "an active and continuing part" in the Franco-Soviet talks, as Elysee spokesman Pierre Hunt said.

There was only one private

meeting during Giscard's three-day visit, and the same itself while highly publicized produced no fresh results in negotiations.

At Saturday's signing of Franco-Soviet pacts, Brezhnev reportedly needed help getting up, and headed for the exit. A senior Soviet army officer saw what was happening and to point the Kremlin chief in a right direction.

In an unusual move, speeches were given at the signing ceremony, and instead Brezhnev's written statement was handed to reporters. He is known to have a jaw ailment that makes his speech slurred and hard to understand.

Sources also said that during Kremlin talks, Brezhnev's eyes sometimes seemed vacant and times he appeared not to be following the conversation.

Throughout the public appearances, Brezhnev walked slowly with a pronounced limp. He was always someone at his side.

Moscow-based correspondents agreed that Brezhnev looked much better than he had at a April 18 meeting of the Soviet Union where he was unanimously re-elected president.

He also attended many of the games of the World Football Championships that were played here in recent days.

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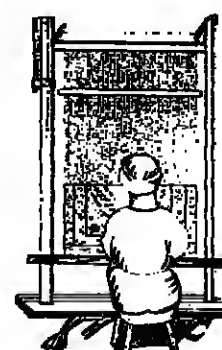
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